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M. H. Yousaf

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For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.11.2003 to 30.11.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.10.2003 to 31.10.2003, forwarded by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends.
2. The 25th hearing of the Commission was held on November 27, 2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata in course of which three witnesses were examined/further examined. Three other summoned witnesses were, however, not present. Besides, discussion was held on the Commission's Status Report as on 24.11.2003 (forenoon).
3. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.03 addressed to Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that the Status Note of the Ministry forwarded under their letter No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.03 relating to para 6 and para 5 of the Status Report of May, 2003 and June, 2003 appears to have not stated specifically as to whether the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated 17.02.2003 are in existence or not. It was also ^{been} stated in the Commission's said letter dated 20.10.03 that if the said documents are in existence, the reason for which those have not yet been sent to the Commission in spite of repeated reminders may please be intimated to the Commission immediately. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is still awaited

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4. Following a query raised by the Commission, the National Archives of the Government of the U.K. has given the Commission to understand that there are certain documents with them which may be of interest to it (the Commission) . Accordingly, steps have been taken to obtain photo-copies of three of those documents which relate to the relevant period. The photocopies called for are being awaited from the said National Archives.
5. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected by/furnished to the Commission and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

6. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/245 dated September 05, 2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a copy of the news -item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has been requested to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc. as reported in the said news item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent Member of the CBI and the DNA experts, viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK as mentioned in the said news-item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Their response is still awaited.

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however, requested to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission in the matter.

9. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Transport and Communications, Taipei, Taiwan have been requested, inter alia, by Commission's letter Nos. 258 and 257, both dated September 12, 2003 respectively, to kindly furnish the Commission with authenticated copies of relevant documents relating to the information allegedly furnished to Shri Anuj Dhar by them by e-mails. No response has yet been received from Taiwan to the said letters of the Commission.
10. (a) By Commission's d.o. letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witness/2002-03/70(II)/301 dated October 29, 2003 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the receipt of her d.o. No.24/4/NGO/Vol.X dated October 13, 2003, which is professed to be in reply to the Commission's letter dated April 1, 2003, has been acknowledged and it has been pointed out therein that neither her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 nor its enclosure in English speaks about the fate of the two letters of the Commission addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow Academy of Sciences, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University which were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated April 1, 2003 for causing delivery, that her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 is also silent about outcome of the request of the Commission to approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the Archives of KGB (FSB) as also about the outcome of the communication of the Indian Mission in Moscow to the witnesses mentioned in the list of the Commission sent to the Ministry of External Affairs with its aforesaid letter dated April 1, 2003 . The Ministry of External Affairs was further requested in that letter to let the Commission know the result of the requests made in paras 1,2 and 3 of its said letter dated April 1, 2003. Their reply is awaited.
(b) The reports regarding availability of relevant documents in all the remaining archives of the Russian Federation including the KGB Archive and an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation are yet to be received.

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(c) The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry.

11. Under the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witness/2002-03/70(II)/265 dated September 17, 2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with copy thereof endorsed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, three Notices have been sent with a request for their publication through the Indian Embassies / Indian Missions at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon in English as also in the respective local languages so that the people of those places may know about the Commission and the terms of its ongoing inquiry and depending upon the response of the local people of the said places that may be evoked by the publication of the notices , the Commission may take a decision regarding its visit to those places for examination of the witnesses and collection of relevant documents and materials whichever may be available there. The d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 03.11.2003 of the Director (CNV) (received by the Commission on 21.11.2003) states that the aforesaid three notices have been sent by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Indian Missions concerned for publication as desired by the Commission and the said d.o. letter encloses copies of newspaper clippings dated 27.10.2003 ./ 28.10.2003 of the notice reportedly appeared in the leading English, Tamil, and Mandarin language newspapers in Singapore. Further development in the matter is awaited from the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

12. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/323 dated November 6, 2003 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, her attention was drawn to the second para of the letter dated 30.08.03 of the National Archives of Malaysia enclosed to her d.o. letter dated 12.09.2003 wherein it is stated, inter alia, : "Should we chance upon any information on him (Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) in future, we will certainly write to you again" and the Director (CNV) was requested to kindly pursue the matter with the National Archives of Malaysia closely and keep the Commission informed of the outcome in time. Further intimation in the matter is awaited.

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13. The Commission, by its letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/188 dated August 05, 2003, has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class in the U.S.A. indicating / suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

14. The report of the second handwriting expert regarding comparison of the handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad with admitted specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been received by the Commission on July 23, 2003. The specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the first bunch of documents containing a number of questioned handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad have been made over to the third handwriting expert on August 28, 2003 for necessary comparison of those two sets of handwritings. Further development in the matter is awaited.

15. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 23, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, which is in response to Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC /2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 it has been stated inter alia : "After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission in Tokyo the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has responded in the matter (of obtaining original documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) through a written communication dated September 10, 2003, conveying that they have not been able to trace the documents (Cremation Permit) sought for by the J.M.C.I.. A copy of the said written communication dated September 10, 2003 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan sent to the Commission as an enclosure to the said d.o.letter dated September 23, 2003 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, states in para 2 of their said letter dated September 10, 2003:"We have tried our best to find out in our old files, a copy of the documents (relating 'Cremation Permits') required by Justice Mukherjee. However, we are not able to find it so far. You may understand how difficult it is to find out nearly half a century old documents" as also states in para 3 thereof : "If Justice Mukherjee has further specific inquiry, please let us know . We will try our best to cooperate for his effort" (sic.). The request made by the Commission to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's aforesaid letter dated

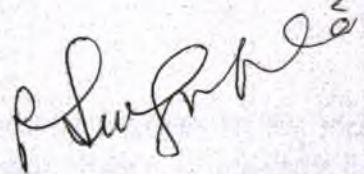
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November 27, 2002 has been: "the Government of Japan may be persuaded to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura so that the Commission may have access to these documents." In view of the aforesaid position, the Commission by its letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/338 dated 24.11.03 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has again requested the Ministry to persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan all the documents asked for in the penultimate para of the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 27.11.2002 keeping in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the said letter of the Commission dated 27.11.2002 as also the contents of paras 2 and 3 of the above mentioned letter dated 10.09.2003 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan so that the Commission may have access to those relevant documents as quickly as possible.

16. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/333 dated 18.11.2003 the attention of Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.03 and he has been requested to kindly send to the Commission the original letter dated 17.01.1952 of Shri A. M. Sahay and the enclosures thereto addressed to Shri S. Dutta, ICS, the then Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, or authenticated copies of the said letter and its Annexures as soon as possible. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 18.11.03 that in the event of the failure of the Ministry to send the said original letter of Shri A.M. Sahay and its enclosures or the authenticated copies thereof, the Commission may treat the copy of the letter and its enclosure filed by the deponents and annexed to the said letter dated 18.11.03 of the Commission, as bonafide true copies of the originals. A copy of the said letter dated 18.11.03 has also been endorsed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for information and favour of taking necessary action. Their response is awaited.

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17. By Notification No. S.O. 1313(E) dated November 14, 2003 received by FAX on November 19, 2003, the term of the Commission has been further extended for a period not later than 14.05.2004 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Ruchi Ghanashyam
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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

December 12, 2003

Dear

(Handwritten signature)

Please refer to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB, dated 3 December, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as sought by the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We had in October 2003, forwarded the draft format of the Notice to our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Hanoi for getting the same published in leading English and local languages newspapers there. We have received response from our Mission in Singapore. Copies of newspaper clippings of the notice that appeared in leading English, Tamil and Mandarin language newspapers in Singapore are enclosed for your information and record. The other two Missions in Bangkok and Hanoi have been reminded in the matter. We shall revert to you as soon as their responses are also received.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

Copy for information to :-

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700087

with best wishes,

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(Handwritten signatures)

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No.I/12014/3/2003-NCB
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

.....
New Delhi, dated 3.12.03

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and local Language at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

Please refer to this Ministry's O.M. of even No. dated 26/9/03 forwarding therewith JMCI's letter No.JMCI/OVERSEAS/Witness/2002-03/70(ii)/2675 dated 17.9.03 on the subject noted above (copy enclosed) regarding Publication of the Notice of Commission in English and local language in Singapore and Bangkok through concerned Indian Embassies.

It is requested that action taken may kindly be intimated to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry under intimation to this Ministry.

(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi

Attn: Ms.Ruchi Ghanshyam
Director(CNV)

Copy to: JMCI, 'B' Block, (Third Floor), Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkatta-700087.-

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Only HC, Singapore has responded.
Reminder letters to Missions in Bangkok,
Hanoi is p.u for signature, along with
a reply to MOA.

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS/WITNESS/2002-03/70(II)/265

September 17, 2003

From : P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To
Shri Rakesh
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi 110 001

Sub: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and local language at Singapore,Bangkok and Saigon

Sir,

I am directed to say that on careful scrutiny of the materials available before it the Commission hopes and expects that some material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry may be unearthed by visiting Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon provided wide publicity is given to the visit of the Commission and the terms of the inquiry being held by it at those places. It may be mentioned here that the Khosla Commission visited Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Penang, Burma, Taiwan, etc., and examined a number of witnesses at those places, but all endeavours of the Commission to get in touch with them or to obtain their present whereabouts through your ministry have gone in vain. The depositions of the witnesses recorded by the Khosla Commission do not give their relevant particulars except their names only.

I am further directed to say that it may not be out of place to mention here that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air was from Saigon. He allegedly ~~had~~ gone to Saigon by air from Singapore with a stop-over at Bangkok. The plane carrying him allegedly crashed at Taipei in Taiwan.

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September 17, 2003

NOTICE

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters :-

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available at Bangkok. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Bangkok.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Indian Mission / Embassy of India at Bangkok or the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.

By Order

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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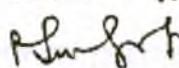
I am directed by the Commission to request you to kindly get the enclosed notice published through the Indian Embassies/Indian Missions at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon in English and the respective local languages so that the people of those places may know about the Commission and the terms of the on-going inquiry. Depending upon the response of the local people of the said places that may be evoked by the publication of the notice, the Commission will take a decision regarding visit to the places for examination of witnesses and collection of relevant documents and materials, whatever may be available.

I am further directed to say that the Commission intends to publish a similar notice at Taipei,Taiwan and for this the Commission will seek the assistance of the Economic and Cultural Center of Taiwan in New Delhi, as the Commission has been made to understand unequivocally that no help in this regard will be available from the Government of India which has no diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.

The Commission may kindly be kept informed of the publication of the enclosed notice at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

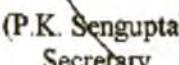

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS/WITNESS/2002-03/70(II)/265

September 17, 2003

Copy for information to:-
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Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India.South Block,
New Delhi 110 001


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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Ruchi Ghanashyam
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Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

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December 12, 2003

Dear Seetha,

Please refer to my letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated October 1, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Bangkok, as sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We trust the notices would have been published by now. Copies of relevant clippings from the newspapers and related feedback, if any, may please be forwarded to us for onward transmission to the JMCI and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Ruchi Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri T.P.Seetharam,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Bangkok.

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

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December 12, 2003

Dear Shri Kumar,

Please refer to my letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated October 1, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Vietnam, as sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We trust the notices would have been published by now. Copies of relevant clippings from the newspapers and related feedback, if any, may please be forwarded to us for onward transmission to the JMCI.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Sudhir Kumar,
Charge d' Affairs,
Embassy of India,
Hanoi

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

December 12, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/DOC (FOR) 99-2000-56(IV)/398 dated November 11, 2002 seeking access to documents and material relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from various countries including States that were previously within the erstwhile USSR.

2. In response to our communications sent in this regard, our Mission in Dushanbe, Tajikistan has forwarded a copy of Note received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan informing that no information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is available with the Tajik Central State Archives. A copy of the note, along with the English translation, is enclosed for your information and record.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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भारत का राजदूत
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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
DUSHANBE

No.Dus/Cons/403/1/2002

28 November 2003 *

Deputy

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Please refer to our letter of even number dated 25 July 2003 and your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 15 July 2003, regarding information desired by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan has now informed that the Central State Archives of the Republic of Tajikistan does not have any information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Copy of their reply alongwith its unofficial translation is enclosed herewith.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. Jaishankar
(D. Jaishankar)

To

Ms. R. Ghanshyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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Министерство иностранных дел Республики Таджикистан свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индия в Душанбе, и в ответ на его ноту №DUS/CONS/403/1/2002 от 24 июля 2003 года, имеет честь информировать уважаемое Посольство о том, что Центральный государственный архив Республики Таджикистан не располагает сведениями о господине Субхаше Чандра Босе - национальном лидере и борце за свободу Республики Индия.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

Душанбе, 4 ноября 2003 года

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India and in response to its note No. Dus/Cons/403/1/2002 of 24 July 2003 has the honour to inform the esteemed Embassy that the Central State Archives of the Republic of Tajikistan does not have any information on Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose - national leader and freedom fighter of the Republic of India.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dushanbe, 4 November 2003

Embassy of the Republic of India
Dushanbe

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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November 07, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To 1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, West Block -8, Wing-I, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110066.

3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.

5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.

6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.

7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.10..2003 to 31.10.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No I/12014/I/2000-1S(D.III) dated 07.02.2000

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.10.2003 to 31.10.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.09.2003 to 30.09.2003, forwarded by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends.
2. The Commission's Status Report as on 12.09.03 and its proceedings dated September 16, 2003 have been forwarded to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for their information and favour of taking necessary action at their ends.
3. Two Status Notes of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, sent under their two letters, both bearing No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V (NCB) Vol.V dated 31.10.03 received by the Commission by FAX on 31.10.03 in respect of paras 3,4, and 3,5 of the Commission's Status Report of July and August, 2003 respectively as also in respect of paras 4,5, and 11 of the Commission's Status Report dated 09.07.03 are being examined.
4. Preparatory steps have been taken for the purpose of holding the hearing of the Commission scheduled for November 27, 2003.

5. The reply given by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under their letter No I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.03 does not specifically state about the availability/non-availability of the documents called for by the Commission's letter No JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 read with its letter No. JMCI/11/2000/15 dated April 11, 2003, both addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
6. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/245 dated September 05, 2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a copy of the news item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of "The Statesman" on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has been requested to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc. reported in the said news item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent Member of the CBI and the DNA expert, viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK as mentioned in the said news item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get their DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Their response is still awaited.
7. (a) The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, by her d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 24, 2003, called for from the Commission "full details of the communication received from the Taiwanese side" with a request : "that any information required to be obtained from Taiwan may be referred to the Ministry". It was further stated in the said d.o. letter : "We do not recognise 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan' and hence we do not have any official dealings with them". In response to the said d.o. letter dated September 24, 2003, xerox copies of the e-mails claimed to have been received by Shri Anuj Dhar, an Indian Journalist, from the Mayor of

Taipei, 'the President of the Republic China' and 'the Minister of MOTC, Taiwan', copies whereof were sent to the Commission by Shri Dhar by e-mail, as also Xerox copy of the communications received by the Commission from the Mayor of Taipei were furnished by the Commission to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/292 dated 17.10.03 for information and necessary action. The response of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.

- (b) The Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Transport and Communications, Taipei, Taiwan have been requested, inter alia, by Commission's letter No.258 and 257, both dated September 12, 2003 respectively, to kindly furnish the Commission with authenticated copies of relevant documents relating to the information allegedly furnished to Shri Anuj Dhar by the aforesaid e-mails. No response has yet been received from Taiwan to the said letters of the Commission.
- 8. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected by/furnished to the Commission and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries including Taiwan for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.
- 9. The original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, as called for from the Government of Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,

through its Embassy in Japan, are yet to be received by the Commission or made accessible to it.

10. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, is yet to be received by the Commission.
11. The reports regarding availability of relevant documents in all the remaining archives of the Russian Federation including the KGB Archive and an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation are yet to be received.
12. With d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.(IX) dated September 12, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy of the letter No ANM.27/1 Jld.21(33) dated August 30, 2003 of the National Archives of Malaysia addressed to the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur which states inter alia : “.....we did not found (sic) any document/information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Should we chance upon any information on him in future, we will certainly write to you again.” Since the Commission’s inquiry is time-bound, the National Archives of Malaysia may be pursued further by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through the High Commission of India, Kuala Lampur.
13. The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/188 dated August 05, 2003 has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class indicating /suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.
14. With Commission’s letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/265 dated September 17, 2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, three notices have been sent with a request for their publication through the Indian Embassys/Indian Missions at Singapore, Bangkok, and Saigon in English as also in the respective local languages so that the people of those places may know about the Commission and the terms of its ongoing inquiry

and depending upon response of the local people of the said places that may be evoked by the publication of the notices, the Commission may take a decision regarding its visit to the places for examination of the witnesses and collection of relevant documents and materials whichever may be available there. It has been also stated in the said letter dated September 17, 2003 of the Commission that it intends to publish a similar notice at Taipei, Taiwan, and for this purpose the Commission sought for the assistance of the Director, Economic and Cultural Center of Taiwan in New Delhi as the Commission has been made to understand that no help in this regard will be available from the Government of India which has no diplomatic relationship with Taiwan. (In response, the said Director has sent a regret letter to the Commission at the end of October, 2003.) A copy of the said letter dated September 17, 2003 of the Commission has been sent for information to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The information regarding publication of the aforesaid notices at Singapore, Bangkok, and Saigon as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is still awaited.

15. The remnants of sealed specimens (teeth) and sealed blood samples have been collected from CDFD, Hyderabad on completion of DNA fingerprinting examination there and those have been made over to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, for proper preservation since the Commission has decided to get a second opinion on the issue.
16. With Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/621 dated April 1, 2003, two letters addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University, each accompanied by a copy of the Notification bearing No. Notfn. No./010/99/JMCI dated 3rd December, 1999 issued by the Commission, were sent to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, by registered post, with a request to cause delivery of the said two letters with their enclosure to the respective addressees through the Indian Embassy in Russia. The relevant extract of the supplementary affidavit dated March 20, 2003 filed before the Commission by Dr. Purabi Roy was also sent to the said Secretary with a request to kindly

approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the archives of the K.G.B. (F.S.B.), Federal Security Bureau, in view of the assertion made by Dr. Purabi Roy therein. A list of witnesses in Russia cited by Dr. Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dated June 8, 2000 was also sent to the said Secretary with the request to kindly cause verification through the Indian Embassy in Russian Union as to whether those cited Russian witnesses will be available for their examination by the Commission and if so, to kindly ascertain and intimate to the Commission the convenience of the said persons as to the dates, hours and places when and where they like to be examined as witnesses. The Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003 stated inter alia with reference to the Commission's aforesaid letter dated April 1, 2003 : "As desired by the Commission, the two letters have been forwarded to Moscow and St. Petersburg, respectively. As regards the Commission's request for taking up the matter with the Government of Russia of access to the archives of the Federal Security Bureau, we would like to draw your attention to the note verbale dated 28th June, 2001 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (copy forwarded with our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 01.10.2001) which states that there are no records in the archive relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we are enclosing another note verbale dated 20th March, 2003 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterating the same position. In view of this, it is felt that another reference to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the same issue will not be of much use." The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in her d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated October 13, 2002 (received by the Commission on 28.10.03), in reply to the Commission's said letter dated April 1, 2003, has stated, inter alia : "Our Mission in Moscow has sent communications in writing to all the listed witnesses" and has also sent the response in original received by the Indian Mission in Moscow from Dr. R.B. Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies along with the English translation thereof. In responding to the said letter the Commission has pointed out (by its d.o. letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/301 dated October 29, 2003) that

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it (her letter dated October 13, 2003) is either totally silent or does not convey the full information sought for and accordingly she has been requested to fully answer the queries raised therein.

17. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Admin/99-2000/33(H)/251 dated September 09, 2003 sent by the Commission to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Registered Post, the latter has been requested for extension of the term of the Commission for one year w.e.f. 15.11.2003 in view of the facts and circumstances mentioned and referred to therein. The Commission is going ahead of 14.11.2003 with its inquiry in anticipation of extension of the term of the Commission for one year w.e.f 15.11.2003.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

By Registered post with a/d.

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No. JMCI /DOC(For)/99-2000/56(V)/292.

Kolkata, dated, 17.10.03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

(Smt. 94)

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter
No. 25/4/NGO/Voi.IX dated 24.09.03 and to send herewith
Xerox copies of the relevant communications, received
by the Commission from Shri Anuj Dhar through e-mail
and the Mayor, Taipei by post regarding the alleged
plane crash at Taipei, for your information and
necessary action.

Enclo: Eleven pages.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty 21/11

Dr. H.

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From: work1 <work1@mail.oop.gov.tw>
 To: 郭義明 <notceyes@motic.gov.tw>; <anujdhar@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 3:41 PM
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中華民國總統府

Office of the President of the Republic of China

Date: 105.7.24

Dear Anuj,

Your e-mail of July 19 has been duly received. With regard to the matter you mentioned, we would forward your letter to the government agency in charge; Ministry of Transportation and Communications, for a formal reply.

Best regards,

The Office of the President

½s : 36029
 致 Mr Anuj Dhar
 E-Mail anujdhar@yahoo.com
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Your Excellency, it is with a sense of gratitude that I write to you. On 12 March this year I had the pleasure of receiving a reply from the Taipei City Government to a plea I had made in the name of human rights to Dr Ying-jeou Ma. That kind gesture of Hon'able Mayor Ma has prompted me to place the matter before you, sir, with the plea that Your Excellency consider it for the sake of millions of Indians.

Mr President, one of the most loved Indians ever, Subhas Chandra Bose, was reported killed in a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945. Some eminent Indian Lawmakers visiting Taipei in 1967 had requested the authorities to appraise them of the facts on the issue. The ROC Foreign Ministry was generous enough to check records and state that there was no evidence of either the crash or the death of Bose in Taipei in August 1945. The visitors, one of whom is still in public life, were also told that the first Mayor of Taipei had earlier held an inquiry into the issue.

On 4 March this year, I requested Mayor Ma to check facts and the generosity was evident yet again. In line with information given to the lawmakers in 1967, the Taipei City Government informed me via e-mail that "there is no such record of a plane crash in Taipei on that date". I was

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advised to contact ROC Foreign Ministry for further information.

Your Excellency, I take the liberty to plea directly to you. Kindly confirm whether or not a plane carrying Subhas Chandra Bose crashed at old Matsuyama airport on 18 August 1945.

I am a Delhi-based journalist. I intend to incorporate the information, as well as my heartfelt gratitude to Republic of China, in a book I am writing. By doing that I would just be reflecting the feelings of Indians world over, who all feel very strongly about Subhas Bose.

May God bless Republic of China and you, Your Excellency.

Many Thanks

Yours Sincerely

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Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2003 6:48 AM
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Dear Mr. Anuj Dhar

Thank you for your email dated on 07/19/2003 regarding to the accident happened on 08/16/1945. Your request has been forwarded through Office of the President, Republic of China and Taiwan Ministry of Transportation and Communications and then been processed by Civil Aeronautics Administration.

First, the R.O.C. government drew back Taiwan after WWII, where belonged to Japanese since 1895 as a colony and the precise retrocession date was on 10/25 in 1945. Prior to that date, Japanese colonialists were still responsible of not only military but also civilian activities in Taiwan. Unfortunately, after reviewing all hand over records during the period from 8/14/1945 to 10/25/1945, there was no evidence shows that one plane had ever crashed at old Matsuyama airport (now is Taipei Domestic Airport) carrying Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose. However, the most significant and possible accident in the record shows there exists one U.S.C-47 trasnporter carrying 26 people(most of them are believed former American POWs just released from the camps in Philippines) crashed on 09/20-23/1945 in Mt. Trident, Taitung area , where is about 200 nautical miles away from Taipei southeasterly and 3000 feet high. All the search and rescue operations in accident were organized by both Japanese and U.S. military authorities while conducted by Taiwanese natives. We may not sure whether U.S. still hold the passenger lists of that crashed plane by the very limited information, but this is the most closest information we could gathered after the most effort we did in this regard.

Sincerely yours,
Lin,Ling-San
Minister of MOTC

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民國九十二年八月五日
Minister of MOTC
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From: <mayor@mail.tcg.gov.tw>
To: <anujdhar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2003 8:12 AM
Subject: A plea to Dr. Ying-Jeou Ma (¥«³Ø«H½c«H¥ó½s, 1: 20030304140)

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Mr Mayor Sir, this is a plea for your kind consideration over an enduring controversy that has been a matter of great distress for the people of India for over 56 years. My name is Anuj Dhar and I am a journalist working for www.hindustantimes.com, the online version of one of the leading newspapers of India. Sir, on 18 August 1945 an Imperial Japanese army plane carrying Indian freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose reportedly crashed at old Matsuyama airport in Taipei airport, which is now the site of Hotel Grand. Five decades and many probes later, Indians are unsure about the fate of the man who they put at par with Mahatma Gandhi. As per the information available to me, in 1966 some Indian parliamentarian visiting Taipei were told of the report of a probe into the crash ordered by the Mayor's office. Sir, I request you to kindly have the facts checked and let me know if any plane crashed in Taipei on 18 August 1945. I gather that you are a known charitable figure and have held the office of Justice Minister. I do hope that you would appreciate my request to treat the matter as an issue of human rights. Thanking You Yours Sincerely Anuj Dhar 263, Kangra Niketan Vikaspuri, New Delhi- 110018, India _____ Do you Yahoo!? Yahoo! Tax Center - forms, calculators, tips, and more

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Dear Mr. Dhar:

✓ We have received your e-mail of March 4, 2003, addressed to Mayor Ma, with the request to check if we have any record of a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945. According to historical documents in Taipei City Archives, there is no such record of a plane crash in Taipei on that date. May I suggest that you also contact Historica Sinica (<http://www.dunh.gov.tw>) or the ROC Foreign Ministry (<http://www.mofa.gov.tw>). It is possible that these organizations might have information that would be helpful to you.

Secretariat
Taipei City Government

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From: anuj dhar <anujdhar@yahoo.com>
To: <jmciinsch@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2003 12:57 PM
Subject: Republic of China mails

To

Mr Pradyot Kumar Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata

Dear Sir

I gather from a Press Trust of India report that the Hon'able Commission has decided to visit the Republic of China to ascertain facts about the alleged plane crash on 18 August 1945 and the "death" of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a result of this crash. In this connection, I have been able to gather some information that I would like to immediately convey to His Lordship Justice Manoj Kumar Mukherjee:

1. On 12 March 2003, I received an e-mail from the office of Dr Ying-Jeou Ma, the Hon'able Mayor of Taipei city, in response to my request seeking the facts about the reported crash at old Matsuyama airport, which at present is the Taipei Domestic Airport. This e-mail stated that the Taipei City Government did not have any record of any such crash on that date.
2. Following this, I requested His Excellency Chen Shui-bian, the President of the Republic of China, to confirm whether or not a plane carrying Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose crashed at old Matsuyama airport on 18 August 1945. On 24 July 2003, the Office of the President very kindly informed me via e-mail that they were forwarding the matter to the government agency in charge, Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), for a formal reply.
3. Mr Ling-San Lin, the Hon'able Minister of MOTC, was gracious enough to personally write to me on 5 August 2003. The Minister stated the matter was processed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and involved extensive reviewing all records covering the period between 14 August 1945 to 25 October 1945. The result was the confirmation that there was no evidence to show that a plane carrying Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had ever crashed in Taipei.
4. Until 25 October 1945, the Japanese were in charge of the civil and military administration of then Formosa. But on their departure, they left many records with the new Government. On the basis of these records Mr Lin was able to detail an air crash on September 20-23, 1945 involving a US C-47 transporter. So any suggestion that might be raised in future that ROC Government may not be in a position to ascertain what happened prior to 25 October 1945 would be unfounded.
5. In addition, the Japanese Government had told the Shah Nawaz Committee about a "cremation permit" lying with the Taipei Municipal Bureau. This permit, the Japanese Government affirmed, corresponded to Netaji. And there was the disputed "death certificate", a copy of which too was obtained by journalist Harin Shah in 1946 from Taipei Municipal Bureau. Both these instances prove

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the Japanese did leave with the Taiwanese administration some record that purported to prove Netaji's "death".

6. The information given in points 1, 2, and 3 is also in tune with the deposition of three distinguished Members of Parliament -- H V Kamath, Govinda Mulka Reddy and Prakash Vir Shastri -- before Khosla Commission. Messrs Reddy and Shastri were part of a delegation that in 1967 visited ROC where they were told by the officials of that country that there was no evidence of the reported crash and the subsequent "death" of Netaji.

7. As per my knowledge, the sole surviving member the delegation that visited ROC in 1967 is Dr L M Singhvi, the former High Commissioner of India to United Kingdom. I chanced to speak with Dr Singhvi last year and he was able to recall that during that visit the issue of Netaji's "death" did come up for discussion.

8. I am forwarding for your perusal all e-mails I received from the Republic of China including the Taipei Mayor's office. It will be seen that there are many jumbled characters in these mails apart from the relevant message in English. They are in fact the Chinese letters which have got corrupted as my computer did not have required software to read the Chinese script. Besides, my request to President Chen Shui-bian can be seen at the ROC President's official website at "http://www.president.gov.tw/php-bin/eopmail/mailform_querymail_e.php4". Here one would need to type my "Email Address" i.e. anujdhar@yahoo.com and the "Serial Number" 36029.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Anuj Dhar

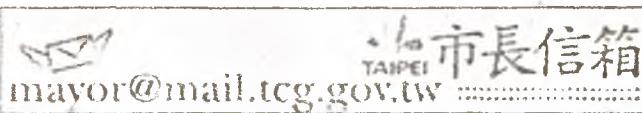
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----- Original Message -----

From: JMCI
 To: mayor@mail.tcg.gov.tw
 Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 2:31 PM
 Subject: A plea to Dr. Ying-Jeou Ma

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Hon' ble Mayor Sir,

It has come to the notice of the Commission that you have sent a letter by e-mail to Mr. Anuj Dhar in reply to his e-mail dated March 12, 2003 wherein you have stated inter alia:

"According to historical documents in Taipei City Archives, there is no such records of a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945".

To enable the Commission to use your said valuable information for the purpose of its inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a great national hero of India, on August 18, 1945, I would humbly request you to be kind enough to send your information by Post to the Commission at the following address :-

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

(Appointed by the Govt. of India,

Ministry of Home Affairs),

'B' Block (3rd floor),

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,

92821 09230724200

Kolkata-700087

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With Regards,

P. K. Sengupta

Secretary,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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Mr Mayor Sir, this is a plea for your kind consideration over an enduring controversy that has been a matter of great distress for the people of India for over 56 years.

My name is Anuj Dhar and I am a journalist working for www.hindustantimes.com, the online version of one of the leading newspapers of India.

Sir, on 18 August 1945 an Imperial Japanese army plane carrying Indian freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose reportedly crashed at old Matsuyama airport in Taipei airport, which is now the site of Hotel Grand. Five decades and many probes later, Indians are unsure about the fate of the man who they put at par with Mahtama Gandhi.

As per the information available to me, in 1966 some Indian parliamentarian visiting Taipei were told of the report of a probe into the crash ordered by the Mayor's office.

來信內容: Sir, I request you to kindly have the facts checked and let me know if any plane crashed in Taipei on 18 August 1945.

I gather that you are a known charitable figure and have held the office of Justice Minister. I do hope that you would appreciate my request to treat the matter as an issue of human rights.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Anuj Dhar

263, Kangra Niketan
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Dear Mr. Dhar:

We have received your e-mail of March 4, 2003, addressed to Mayor Ma, with the request to check if we have any record of a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945.

According to historical documents in Taipei City Archives, there is no such record of a plane crash in Taipei on that date. May I suggest that you also contact Historica Sinica (<http://www.dunh.gov.tw>) or the ROC Foreign Ministry (<http://www.mofa.gov.tw>). It is possible that these organizations might have information that would be helpful to you.

Secretariat
Taipei City Government

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

November 25, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated 17th October 2003, addressed to the 'Mayor of the Taipei City Government' with a copy endorsed to this Ministry- seeking documents for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We have already pointed out in our earlier letters to you that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. Our letters No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 24th September 2003 and 24th October 2003 refers in this regard.

3. In the context of your aforementioned letter sent to the Taipei city Mayor, we would again like to reiterate our considered opinion that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Government" authorities. We are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by you in your letter to the Mayor of Taipei. We shall keep you informed of progress in this regard.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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New Delhi the.....200

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

November 25, 2003

Dear *Vijay,*

I am writing to you in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), which you are aware is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. The JMCI have addressed a letter directly to the '**Mayor of the Taipei City Government**' with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking documents for the purpose of the inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information.

3. We had earlier pointed out to the JMCI that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. We have now again reiterated this advice to the JMCI in the context of their present letter under reference. We have underlined that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to the Taiwanese "Government" authorities.

4. It has been decided in consultation with JS (EA), to seek the assistance of your office for obtaining the requisite documents identified by the JMCI. We would appreciate your early feedback on the progress of your efforts in this regard, so that the JMCI can be kept informed accordingly.

With warm personal regards,
Yours sincerely,
Ruchi Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director General,
India-Taipei Association,
Taipei

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Ans/

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No. JMC/CPDC/2002/86/289

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October 17, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary.

To
Dr.Ying-Jeon Ma,
The Hon'ble Mayor,
Taipai City Government
Office of the Mayor,
No.1 Shih Fu Road
Taipai,
Taiwan.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the d.o. letter dated July 24, 1956 of Mr. Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan addressed to Mr. A.K.Dar, the then First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo and of its enclosure which purports to be a copy of a certified copy dated July 24, 1956 of the 'cremation permit' (translated in English) held by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipai Municipial Office, as could be obtained by Mr.Joriuchi, the then Ambassador of Japan at Taipai, and sent to Mr. A.K.Dar, which speak for themselves.

I am also directed to request you to be kind enough to make available to this Commission the documents as mentioned below:

- i. the original document/record of the Cremation permits pertaining to the period from August 18, 1945 to August 22, 1945;
- ii. the original applications for cremation permit allegedly filed by Dr.Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for cremation of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose and/or Ichiro Okiro on August 18, 1945 or August 19, 1945; and
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The aforementioned documents are urgently required by this Commission of Inquiry, constituted by the Government of India under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, for the purposes of its inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, one of the most revered national heroes of India, on August 18, 1945 which is still shrouded in mystery.

As the matter is very urgent, an early response will be highly appreciated. Indeed, on the basis of your response the Commission may decide to visit Taiwan to study the said documents and also such other relevant records/documents as may be available.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

sdf
(P.K. Sengupta)

, Secretary.

No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289/2

October 17, 2003

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. This has reference to her d.o. letter No.D.O.No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX) dt: 23.09.03
2. The Director (IS), MHA, Government of India.

P.Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331.

Kolkata, dated 12.11.03.

From : Shri M.Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sw. 119 -

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), M.E.A., Govt. of India addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which is in reply to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/270 dated 23.9.2003 and to request you to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO- Vol.(IX) dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation.

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Yours faithfully,

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Officer on Special Duty

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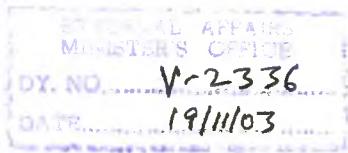
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L. K. ADVANI
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Dear Shri Sinha Ji,

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I am in receipt of your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-VOL-X dated 16th October, 2003 along with its enclosures regarding the DNA examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, believed to be kept in Renkoji Temple, Japan.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.K. Advani)

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/301

October 29, 2003

Dear Smt. Ghanashyam,

In acknowledging with thanks the receipt of your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/VolX dated 13 October, 2003 and its enclosures viz. a letter from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, addressed to Mr Satvir Singh, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre, Embassy of India in Russian Federation, and its English translation, I would like to state that though your above-quoted d.o. letter professes to be in reply to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70 (Vol.II)/621 dated 1 April, 2003, it (your reply) has not adverted to all the requests made in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 1 April, 2003.

We have already replied to this.
Rg
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Sof(NGO)

In the first para of the Commission's above-quoted letter, there was a request to cause delivery of the letters along with their enclosures addressed to Prof. E.N.Kamorov of Moscow Academy of Sciences and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University, but neither your d.o. letter nor its enclosure speaks about the fate of those two letters.

In the second para of the Commission's letter, there was an express request to approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the archives of KGB(FSB). Your d.o. letter is unfortunately silent on this point also.

Along with the Commission's above-quoted letter a list of witnesses in Russia, as cited by Dr. Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dt. 8 June, 2000, was sent to your Ministry with a request to kindly cause verification through the Indian Embassy in Russian Union as to whether those cited witnesses would be available for their examination by the Commission. There was a further request to ascertain and intimate to

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the Commission the convenience of those persons, if available, as to the dates, hours and places of their examination as witnesses. Though you stated in para two of your d.o. letter dt. 13 October, 2003 that your Mission in Moscow had sent communications in writing to those listed witnesses, your d.o. letter does not speak about its outcome. The letter of Dr. R.B. Rybakov also does not give any answer to the query about the witnesses made in para three of the Commission's letter.

I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know the result of the requests made in paras one, two and three of its letter dt. 1 April, 2003.

As regards the proposals of Dr. Rybakov to organise a meeting of Russian historians dealing with the problem of a special investigation on life and activities of Subhash Chandra Bose with the Commission, I am directed to inform you that the Commission will communicate its considered decision in due course.

An early reply on all the points in Commission's above-quoted letter dt. 1 April, 2003 will be highly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001

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**Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

November 19, 2003

Dear

I am writing to you in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), which you are aware is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. The JMCI have addressed a letter directly to the '**Mayor of the Taipei City Government**' with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking documents for the purpose of the inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information.

3. We had earlier pointed out to the JMCI that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. We have now again reiterated this advice to the JMCI in the context of their present letter under reference. We have underlined that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to the Taiwanese "Government" authorities.

4. It has been decided in consultation with JS (EA), to seek the assistance of your office for obtaining the requisite documents identified by the JMCI. We would appreciate your early feedback on the progress of your efforts in this regard, so that the JMCI can be kept informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director General,
India-Taipei Association,
Taipei

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

November 19, 2003

Dear

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated 17th October 2003, addressed to the 'Mayor of the Taipei City Government' with a copy endorsed to this Ministry- seeking documents for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We have already pointed out in our earlier letters to you that ~~that~~ any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. Our letters No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 24th September 2003 and 24th October 2003 refers in this regard.

3. In the context of your aforementioned letter sent to the Taipei city Mayor, we would again like to reiterate our considered opinion that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Government" authorities. We are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by you in your letter to the Mayor of Taipei. We shall keep you informed of progress in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/ 330

November 11, 2003

By Regd. Post

Dear Sm. Ghanashyam,

Please refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol. IX dated 24.9.03.

As requested by you in the first sentence of para 2 of your above quoted d.o. letter, xerox copies of all relevant communications received by the Commission through E.mail from Sri Anuj Dhar and by post from the Mayor of Taipei on the point of the alleged plane crash at Taipei have already been sent to you by registered post with a/d (vide Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/292 dated 17.10.03.

Now I am directed to invite your notice to the second sentence of para 2 of your above - quoted d.o. letter wherein the Commission has been requested to refer to the Ministry any information that may be required to be obtained from Taiwan. But in the next sentence you have said, " We do not recognise 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan' and hence we do not have any official dealings with them".

The Commission, meanwhile, approached the Director, Taipei Economic and Culture Centre, New Delhi, for some information on certain points relating to the present state of some relevant places at Taipei. He was also requested to locate the witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission and furnish the Commission with their present whereabouts. The Director, in his reply, has curtly informed that they cannot render any help or assistance to the Commission.

May like to see p. in the first
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It should be brought to attention on F.S/EAM
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Dir (CNV)

P.L. per. on file. Rg 18/11
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In the context of the last sentence of para 2 of your above- quoted letter and the reply received from the Director of the above- named Centre of Taipei in New Delhi, I have been directed by the Commission to say that in the interest of the on-going inquiry the Commission has no other alternative but to directly approach the authorities concerned in Taipei to procure relevant documents, getting information about some places relevant to the points of inquiry and collect the whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available there, keeping your Ministry informed from time to time of the development in this regard. I am further directed to request the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission in the matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Sm.Ruchi Ghanashyam
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Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289

J.S. (EA)'s OFFICE

DY. NO. 1811

DATE 23/10/03

October 17, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary.

To
Dr. Ying-Jeon Ma,
The Hon'ble Mayor,
Taipai City Government
Office of the Mayor,
No.1 Shih Fu Road
Taipai,
Taiwan.

Sir,

1. JMCI should again be advised not to send such communications directly to Taiwanese Govt authority.
2. We can consider taking help of DGITA. I believe there are previous papers.

Ans
24/10/03

I am also directed to request you to be kind enough to make available to this Commission the documents as mentioned below:

- i. the original document/record of the Cremation permits pertaining to the period from August 18, 1945 to August 22, 1945;
- ii. the original applications for cremation permit allegedly filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for cremation of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose and/or Ichiro Okiro on August 18, 1945 or August 19, 1945; and
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NAPS,

RGS/JS/11

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The aforementioned documents are urgently required by this Commission of Inquiry, constituted by the Government of India under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, for the purposes of its inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, one of the most revered national heroes of India, on August 18, 1945 which is still shrouded in mystery.

As the matter is very urgent, an early response will be highly appreciated. Indeed, on the basis of your response the Commission may decide to visit Taiwan to study the said documents and also such other relevant records/documents as may be available.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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October 17, 2003

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

✓ 1. The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. This has reference to her d.o. letter No.D.O.No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX) dt: 23.09.03

2. The Director (IS), MHA, Government of India.

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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October 30, 2003

Dear Ms. George,

Please refer to my e-mail sent to you requesting authenticated copies of enclosures to "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers" as per the following details.

- a. The Proclamation; and
- b. Instruments of Surrender

2. These documents are required by Justice Mukherjee Commission in New Delhi. We will be glad to provide further clarifications, if required.

3. We will be grateful if you could provide authenticated copies of above documents at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

(V.Venkateswara Rao)

**Ms. Mary W. George,
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Copy for information to

Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi w.r.t D.O. No 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated October 22, 2003

With much regards,

(V.Venkateswara Rao)



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

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November 12, 2003

Dear Dr. Paul,

Please refer to Second Secretary(Pol)'s letter no. MOS/Pol/125/01/90 dated 29 July 2003 in response to my predecessor Shri Vijay Gokhale's letter no.25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated 22 April 2003, forwarding therewith the response received from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies with regard to the request for ascertaining his availability as a witness for examination by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. The response of Dr. Rybakov was forwarded to the JMCI, who have now sought to know the status of responses, received if any, from the other listed witnesses. The Commission, among other related issues, have also requested for expeditious action on its request for approaching the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the archives of the KGB. A copy of the letter [No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003] received from the JMCI in this regard is enclosed.

3. We shall be grateful if you could follow up on the communications sent to the other prospective Russian witnesses listed by the JMCI, and also expedite your response on other issues highlighted in the enclosed letter of the JMCI.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Dr. V.K.Paul,
First Secretary (Political),
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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D O. No JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol II)/301

October 29, 2003

Dear Smt. Ghanashyam,

In acknowledging with thanks the receipt of your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/VolX dated 13 October, 2003 and its enclosures viz. a letter from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, addressed to Mr Satvir Singh, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre, Embassy of India in Russian Federation, and its English translation, I would like to state that though your above-quoted d.o. letter professes to be in reply to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70 (Vol.II)/621 dated 1 April, 2003, it (your reply) has not adverted to all the requests made in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 1 April, 2003.

In the first para of the Commission's above-quoted letter, there was a request to cause delivery of the letters along with their enclosures addressed to Prof. E.N.Kamorov of Moscow Academy of Sciences and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St Petersburg University, but neither your d.o. letter nor its enclosure speaks about the fate of those two letters.

In the second para of the Commission's letter, there was an express request to approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the archives of KGB(FSB). Your d.o. letter is unfortunately silent on this point also.

Along with the Commission's above-quoted letter a list of witnesses in Russia, as cited by Dr. Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dt. 8 June, 2000, was sent to your Ministry with a request to kindly cause verification through the Indian Embassy in Russian Union as to whether those cited witnesses would be available for their examination by the Commission. There was a further request to ascertain and intimate to

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the Commission the convenience of those persons, if available, as to the dates, hours and places of their examination as witnesses. Though you stated in para two of your d.o letter dt 13 October,2003 that your Mission in Moscow had sent communications in writing to those listed witnesses, your d.o letter does not speak about its outcome. The letter of Dr R.B.Rybakov also does not give any answer to the query about the witnesses made in para three of the Commission's letter.

I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know the result of the requests made in paras one,two and three of its letter dt. 1 April,2003.

As regards the proposals of Dr. Rybakov to organise a meeting of Russian historians dealing with the problem of a special investigation on life and activities of Subhash Chandra Bose with the Commission, I am directed to inform you that the Commission will communicate its considered decision in due course.

An early reply on all the points in Commission's above-quoted letter dt.1 April, 2003 will be highly appreciated.

Best- wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P.K.Sengupta

(P K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Ms.Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
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NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

November 12, 2003

Dear Shri Mahalingam,

Please refer to your letter no. KUA/P/163/01/03, dated 10 September 2003 forwarding therewith the response received from the National Archives of Malaysia regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We have received another communication from the JMCI drawing attention to the remarks of the Director General, National Archives of Malaysia (contained in his letter dated 30th August 2003) indicating that '**they will write again should they chance upon any information on Netaji in the future**'. The JMCI have requested that the matter be pursued with the Malaysian agency again.

3. We would appreciate if you could ascertain whether the National Archives have been able to find anything new in their research efforts, since the communication of their last findings to us in August.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri V. Mahalingam,
First Secretary (PIE),
High Commission of India,
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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/323.

Kolkata, dated, 6.11.03.

From : Shri M. Roy IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

I am directed to draw your attention to 2nd para of the enclosure dated 30.8.03 to your D.O. letter bearing No. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 12.9.03 wherein it is iterated inter alia " should we chance upon any information on him (Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) in future, we will certainly write to you again." I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly pursue the matter with the National Archives of Malaysia closely and keep the Commission informed of the outcome in time.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

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November 12, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003 in response to my letter of October 13, 2003 forwarding therewith the response received by our Mission in Moscow from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies with regard to the request for ascertaining his availability as witness for examination by the JMCI.

2. We have separately written to our Mission in Moscow to follow up on the communications sent to other prospective witnesses in Russia as listed by the JMCI, as well as on other issues highlighted in your letter of October 29, 2003. We shall keep you informed of the outcome of the Mission's efforts in this regard.

3. Meanwhile, we have in a different context, received from your office a letter no. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(III)/304 (74), dated November 03, 2003 informing about the next sitting of the JMCI in Kolkata on 27.11.2003. We are not clear whether any action is required to be taken by the Ministry of External Affairs in this regard. It would appear that such communications, if at all, may be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is the nodal Ministry in this matter

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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November 03, 2003

From :
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

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To
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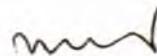
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 27.11.2003 and if need be, on 28.11.2003 as well, starting at 11.00 AM (on both the days) at the Seminar Hall, Annex Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty,
2. Shri Manoranjan Ghosh,
3. Shri Pabitra Kumar Ghosh (Recalled),
4. Dr. Purabi Roy (Recalled),
5. Mr. Syed Samsul Zaman,
6. Smt. Mamata Das

Yours faithfully,


(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India,
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2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal;
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

November 03, 2003

Dear Shri Rakesh,

(Sw. # 76)

Please refer to correspondence resting with your letter no. I/12014/13/2000-IS-D (V)-Vol. IV dated 4 September 2003 regarding the issue of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.

2. We have meanwhile received a letter from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) [a copy of which has been endorsed to your office], drawing attention to a news item published on **28.10.95** in the '**Statesman**' indicating that the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. A copy of JMCI's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003 is enclosed for your ready reference.

3. The JMCI has drawn attention to references contained in the 1995 news item about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.' and about the opinion of two DNA experts—namely Dr. Michalle Holland from the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan from UK. The Commission has sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Government's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

4. As we do not appear to have information on this, and since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the role of the Ministry of External Affairs being limited to being that of a facilitator, it is requested that an appropriate response be sent to the JMCI. A background note prepared recently on the basis of information readily available with us, and which was forwarded to the Deputy Prime Minister by External Affairs Minister, is enclosed.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

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November 3, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/II/265, dated 17 September addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking assistance for publishing a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam.

2. We had forwarded the Notice to our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Hanoi for getting the same published in leading English and local languages newspapers there. We have, in response, received copies of newspaper clippings of the notice, which appeared in the leading English, Tamil and Mandarin language newspapers in Singapore. The same are enclosed for your information and record.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Ravi Bangar
Acting High Commissioner

D.O. No.SIN/P/102/2/03

29 October 2003

Dear Ruchi,

Please refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 1 October 2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and publishing the notice of the Commission in leading local dailies.

2. The notice was published by the Mission in following leading broadsheets of English, Tamil and Mandarin language:-

- i) The Straits Times
- ii) Tamil Murasu
- iii) Lianhe Zaobao

3. The clippings of the notice are enclosed.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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October 21,2003

NOTICE

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- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts;

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available at Singapore. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Singapore.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organizations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the High Commission of India, 31 Grange Road, Singapore-239702. Tel No. 67376777, Fax No. 67326909 or the Commission at contact details given above.

By Order
(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

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TAMIL MURASU

28. 10. 2003

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(ii)/297.

Kolkata, dated, **20.10.03.**

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245 dated 05.09.03 addressed to you with a copy endorsed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and to say that no reply thereto has yet been received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly expedite reply in view of the urgency of the matter referred to in the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty
No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(iii)/297(1). Dt. 20.10.03.

Copy forwarded to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (IS), MHA, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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September 05, 2003

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Secretary.

To
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Sir,

Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

I am directed to invite your attention to a news item captioned " Govt. to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test " published in the Delhi edition of the Statesman of Saturday, October 28, 1995(by-line Subrata Sen of the Statesman News Service). A copy of the Statesman was filed before this Commission by Sri Surya Kumar Basu, a deponent, along with his affidavit no. JMCI/30.

From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

Paragraph three of the news further discloses that the Ministry of External Affairs would form a Committee to ascertain whether the ashes kept in the said temple were those of Netaji or not and that such a Committee would be comprised of the members from the CBI, the DNA Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Govt. of Japan, DNA experts from the USA and the UK and members of Netaji's family. It further appears therefrom that two renowned DNA experts namely, Dr. Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK had already been consulted and both of them reportedly said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

I am now directed to request you to let the Commission know what actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Govt. of India to opt for DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc.

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South Block,
New Delhi – 110 001

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Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

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From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

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October 24, 2003

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With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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Kolkata, dated, 7.10.03.

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Officer on Special Duty

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Sir,

I am directed to send herewith Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 12.09.03 and its proceedings dated September 16, 2003 for your kind information and for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Enclo: As stated above.

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M. Roy
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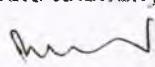
Subject : Status Report from 01.09.2003 to 30.09.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.09.2003 to 30.09.2003)

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2. The Status Note of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India sent under their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.03 and received by the Commission on 26.09.03 in respect of para 5 of the Status Report for the month of February, 03; paras 4, 5, 6, 7, & 11(c) of the Status Report for the month of May, 03, and paras 3, 4, & 5 of the Status Report for the month of June, 03 is being examined.
3. The Commission had fixed a hearing on September 16, 2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata to examine seven witnesses and to hold a discussion on the Status Report as on 12.09.2003 (forenoon) prepared for the purpose of the said hearing of the Commission. Out of seven witnesses summoned, three were present and examined at the time of the said hearing when the Commission also held a discussion on the said Status Report.
4. Following a query raised by the Commission, the National Archive of the Government of the U.K. has given the Commission to understand that there are certain documents

DNA experts, C.B.I. officials, etc. as reported in the said news item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the C.B.I. and the DNA experts viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the U.K. as mentioned in the said news item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. However, in reply to our earlier query, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has stated, inter alia, in her d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 04.09.03 that the Indian Mission in Tokyo "had located Prof. Momoki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a Professor in the Department of Integrated Biosciences, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo."

7. The original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, as called for from the Government of Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through its Embassy in Japan, are yet to be received by the Commission or made accessible to it.
8. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, is yet to be received by the Commission.
9. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/270 dated September 23, 2003 the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has been requested to let the Commission know the further developments in the pending matters mentioned in

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10. The reports regarding availability of relevant documents in all the remaining archives of the Russian Federation including the KGB Archive and an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation are yet to be received.
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14. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in – (I) Para 3 of the Status Report for the month of February, 2003, (ii) Para 11(d) of the Status Report for the month of May, 2003, and (iii) Para 9 of the Status Report for the month of June, 2003.

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(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Kolkata, dated, 7.10.03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

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Din (CENR)

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Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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New Delhi-110001.

3) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
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5) The Secretary,
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Sir,

I am directed to send herewith Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 12.09.03 and its proceedings dated September 16, 2003 for your kind information and for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,
M. Roy
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Officer on Special Duty

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Subject : Status Report from 01.09. 2003 to 30.09.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above



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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.09.2003 to 30.09.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.08.2003 to 31.08.2003 forwarded by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends.
2. The Status Note of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India sent under their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.03 and received by the Commission on 26.09.03 in respect of para 5 of the Status Report for the month of February, 03; paras 4, 5, 6, 7, & 11(c) of the Status Report for the month of May, 03, and paras 3, 4, & 5 of the Status Report for the month of June, 03 is being examined.
3. The Commission had fixed a hearing on September 16, 2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata to examine seven witnesses and to hold a discussion on the Status Report as on 12.09.2003 (forenoon) prepared for the purpose of the said hearing of the Commission. Out of seven witnesses summoned, three were present and examined at the time of the said hearing when the Commission also held a discussion on the said Status Report.
4. Following a query raised by the Commission, the National Archive of the Government of the U.K. has given the Commission to understand that there are certain documents

with them which may be of interest to it (the Commission). Accordingly, steps have been taken to obtain photo-copies of three of those documents which purportedly relate to the relevant period.

5. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected by/furnished to the Commission and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries including Taiwan for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries,

6. There has been no positive development as yet in the matter of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan notwithstanding close persuasion of the matter during the last one year by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India as also with the Embassy of India in Japan and direct approach by the Commission to various organisations in India and abroad having expertise in DNA testing besides elaboration by the Commission to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India of various socio-political ramifications of the issue of handling of the said mortal remains and taking samples thereof for the purpose of holding various scientific tests including anthropological evaluation and DNA test. However, with Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/245 dated September 05, 2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has been furnished with a copy of the news item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has been requested to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of

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DNA experts, C.B.I. officials, etc. as reported in the said news item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the C.B.I. and the DNA experts viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the U.K. as mentioned in the said news item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. However, in reply to our earlier query, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has stated, inter alia, in her d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 04.09.03 that the Indian Mission in Tokyo "had located Prof. Momoki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a Professor in the Department of Integrated Biosciences, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo.".

7. The original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, as called for from the Government of Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through its Embassy in Japan, are yet to be received by the Commission or made accessible to it.
8. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, is yet to be received by the Commission.
9. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/270 dated September 23, 2003 the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has been requested to let the Commission know the further developments in the pending matters mentioned in

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their d o letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol(IX) dated June 27, 2003 including the matters of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia, Tazikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand , Malaysia, and Ireland It has been mentioned in the Commission's said letter that the Directors, Lithuanian Literature and Art Archive, Lithuanian Central State Archive, and Lithuanian New State Archive have intimated in reply to our e mails to them that there are no documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in their respective archives.

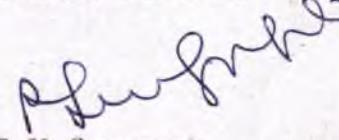
10. The reports regarding availability of relevant documents in all the remaining archives of the Russian Federation including the KGB Archive and an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation are yet to be received.
11. With d o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.(IX) dated September 12, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy of the letter No.ANM.27/1 Jld.21(33) dated August 30, 2003 of the National Archives of Malaysia addressed to the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur which states inter alia : “.....we did not found (sic) any document/information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Should we chance upon any information on him in future, we will certainly write to you again.” Since the Commission’s inquiry is time-bound the National Archives of Malaysia may be pursued further by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through the High Commission of India, Kuala Lampur.
12. Correspondence has been made by the Commission directly with the Hon’ble Mayor of Taipei as also with the Hon’ble Minister of Transport and Communication, Government of Taiwan regarding availability of official documents with them concerning the alleged aircrash on August 18, 1945 at Taipei of the plane allegedly carrying Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and others. The replies by post, duly authenticated, in confirmation of their alleged e mail letters to Shri Amij Dhar, an Indian Journalist, on the aforesaid point are still awaited

13. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in their letter dated June 27, 2003 has stated inter alia : "...all documents once declassified are no longer retained by the U.S. Government, and that these are stored in various Documentation Centres, like National Archives, etc..... we have further information that, under the provisions of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only by giving specific details of the documents....." The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has also sent to the Commission with their d.o. letter dated July 15, 2003 a copy of the d.o. letter dated June 23, 2003 of the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi wherein it is stated, inter alia, : "There are no documents relevant to the period or to the disappearance of Mr. Bose in storage at either the Embassy or the Consulates in India" and has also suggested therein : "As a practical matter, the Commission select an Indian Scholar or Graduate student working in the United States to perform..... archival research on various American Repositories of historical documents relevant to Mr. Bose....." Accordingly, the Commission by its letter No JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(H)/188 dated August 05, 2003 has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class indicating /suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

14. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in – (I) Para 3 of the Status Report for the month of February, 2003, (ii) Para 11(d) of the Status Report for the month of May, 2003, and (iii) Para 9 of the Status Report for the month of June, 2003.

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(P. K. Sengupta)
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

October 22, 2003

Dear Venkatesh,

This is with reference to former Counsellor Dr.S.K.Behera's letters no. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003, dated April 8 and April 10, 2003, enclosing archival material obtained from the MacArthur Memorial Library and the Truman Library. These were forwarded to the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), which is looking into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance in 1945 of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. The Commission has now requested for the Mission's assistance in obtaining the authenticated copies of (i) the Proclamation and (ii) the Instrument of Surrender, which are shown as 'Enclosures' to the original copy of the 14 August 1945 document titled: "DIRECTIVE TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS".

3. We will be grateful if these additional documents are also obtained and forwarded to us for onward transmission to the JMCI.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/
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Kolkata, dated, 16.10.03.

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Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
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Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed refer to the copy of the enclosure captioned, "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers", bearing dated 14.8.1945 forwarded vide your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO- Vol IX dated 07.05.03 and to request you to kindly obtain through the Indian Mission in U.S.A. authenticated copies of the (1) Proclamation and (2) Instrument of Surrender which appear to have been enclosed to the original copy of the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.8.1945.

Yours faithfully,

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Officer on Special Duty

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YASHWANT SINHA
Minister for External Affairs

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10th October, 2003

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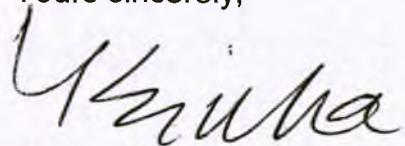
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Shri L.K. Advani,
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New Delhi.

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**BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSAL FOR DNA
EXAMINATION OF THE ALLEGED MORTAL REMAINS OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, BELIEVED TO BE
KEPT IN RENKOJI TEMPLE, JAPAN**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up in December 1999 to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith- including whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive; if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged; and whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. By way of background, it may be mentioned that in February 1995, the Union Cabinet had considered the question of bringing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji from Japan to India. While deferring a final decision in the matter, the Cabinet had then directed that the dependability of the arrangements in Japan should be properly examined and that a contingency plan for the proper upkeep of the mortal remains should be drawn up.

3. Thereafter, in September 1995, Shri Ashish C. Ray of CNN who is the son of Netaji's elder brother, had proposed to the Prime Minister to arrange the conducting of a DNA test, which could provide conclusive and incontrovertible evidence as to whether the ashes at Renkoji Temple, are Netaji's or not. It was then further proposed that an international team of experts, one of whom could be from the DNA Centre at Hyderabad, besides observers from the Bose family and other groups, be entrusted with the job.

4. The aspect of security of the 'ashes' kept in an urn at the Renkoji Temple, was also considered and highlighted in the then Foreign Secretary's letter dated 19 June 1995 to the then Home Secretary. It was pointed out then that, like all Shrines in Japan, there is no security, except what is

ensured by the reverence and respect shown by the Japanese towards religious places. The door is normally kept closed though there is no guarantee that it is always locked. It was also stressed that the Shrine is not exclusively devoted to the ashes of Netaji and is visited by other worshippers. Any request from the Indian side to strengthen security was seen as not likely to be received kindly by the Japanese, as the Shrine is a place of worship open to all, and could also provoke the Japanese to suggest that the ashes should be taken to India.

5. In September 2002 a JMCI team visited the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan where it is believed Netaji's ashes are kept. The Embassy of India, Tokyo was requested to obtain expert advice on whether the ashes contain material that can be used for DNA testing. The Mission in Tokyo located a Japanese expert, by the name of Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo. The expert agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.

6. In the meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo, conveying that while she had no objection to the proposal, 'prior and proper arrangements should be made by selecting top DNA experts in the world'. The Renkoji Temple authorities on their part had expressed 'concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under Buddhist traditions' and had conveyed to our Mission, the need to observe proper formalities and notice from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc.

7. A meeting taken by Special Secretary (JSK) in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 20 May 2003 had discussed the issue of DNA testing of Netaji's alleged remains. MHA officials pointed out that blood samples of two sons of the elder brother of Netaji and one person from his maternal lineage, collected by the Commission had been sent to the DNA testing centre in Hyderabad. The Chief Forensic Adviser present at the meeting opined that material for a DNA test

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can be isolated from un-burnt bones and teeth but not from ash. However to ascertain this, the contents of the urn containing the ashes, kept at the Renkoji Temple would need to be examined.

8. In the light of the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project was sought from the Ministry of Home Affairs which is the nodal agency coordinating work in this regard. MHA, in its initial response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. Since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the MHA and the role of the MEA is limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.

9. MHA subsequently clarified that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'. MHA has also clarified the following points:-

- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/ selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- A formal meeting in MHA (with MEA and other concerned Ministries / Departments) to consider these issues is not necessary.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.
- MHA has conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-
 - (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;

- (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
- (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

10. Given the fact that this is a politically sensitive matter, there is a need to ensure that the concerns and sensitivities of all concerned are taken into account. Our efforts should be to ensure that the process of DNA testing is undertaken with utmost care and that the deepest reverence and respect is shown to the mortal remains of Netaji.



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26 September 2003

Dear Madam,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX(i) dated September 4, 2003 regarding information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose available in archives in Belarus and Lithuania.

We have requested the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Belarus and Lithuania to provide us necessary information and a reply from them is awaited. The same shall be intimated to you as soon as it is received by us.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Kolkata, dated Sept '15, '03

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To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
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Sir.

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I am directed to refer to the Commissioner's registered letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/201 dt. 13.08.2003 and to say that reply thereto is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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October 13, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

(Sno. 67. Vol. IX)

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/621, dated 1st April, 2003 forwarding therewith a list of witnesses in Russia to ascertain they will be available for examination by the JMCI.

2. Our Mission in Moscow had sent communications in writing to all the listed witnesses. A response received by the Mission from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies is forwarded in original, alongwith the English translation.

(See.
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: with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

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To,

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Господину САТБИР СИНГХУ
Директору Культурного центра
им. Дж.Неру
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Глубокоуважаемый г-н Сингх!

Мы глубоко тронуты той настойчивостью, с которой индийская общественность старается раскрыть тайну гибели выдающегося деятеля национально-освободительного движения Субхас Чандры Боса:

Русские индологи не могли пройти мимо такой выдающейся личности, тем более что он посетил нашу страну, пытаясь заручиться поддержкой советского правительства в своей борьбе против колониального гнета. Исследования жизни, деятельности и судьбы С.Ч.Боса проводились на основе индийских материалов, документов русских архивов, а также материалов из Германии и Афганистана. За последние несколько лет были опубликованы или готовятся к публикации нижеперечисленные работы по этой проблеме:

А.В.Райков (Липецк) «Опаснейший час Индии», М. 1999.

Ю.Н.Тихонов (Липецк) «Афганская война Третьего рейха» М. 2003.

Р.Н.Кольцов (Владимир) «С.Ч. Бос – идеолог и лидер индийского национально-освободительного движения: политические взгляды и деятельность с 1921-1945 гг.».

О.Ю.Куришин (Москва) «Парадоксы политической биографии С.Ч.Боса». М. 2000.

Сотрудники Института востоковедения в настоящее время специально не занимаются исследованием жизни и деятельности С.Ч.Боса, однако ИВ РАН готов устроить встречу российских историков, занимавшихся этой проблемой, с членами Комиссии судьи М.К.Мукерджи. Время и место могут быть оговорены дополнительно.

С уважением

Директор ИВ РАН



Рыбаков Р.Б.

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To Mr. Satbir Singh
Director of Jawaharlal Nehru
Cultural Centre
Embassy of India in Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is very touching for us to know that Indian public is making a lot of efforts in order to find out the mystery of death of Subhas Chandra Bos, outstanding leader of National Liberation movement in India.

Russian indologists are also paying much attention on making research about this outstanding personality. Moreover, Subhas Chandra Bos visited our country trying to find support of Soviet government in his struggle against colonial oppression. Researches on the life and activity of S.Ch.Bos were conducted on the basis of Indian materials, documents of Russian archives as well as materials from Germany and Afghanistan. For the recent years the following works were published or are being prepared for publication:

A.V.Raikov (Lipetsk) "India's most dangerous hour". M., 1999.

Yu.N.Tikhonov (Lipetsk) "The Afghan War of the Third Reich". M., 2003.

R.N.Koltsov (Vladimir) "S.Ch.Bos, the Ideologist and Leader of the Indian National Liberation Movement: Political Views and Activity from 1921 to 1945"

O.Yu.Kurnyshin (Moscow) "Paradoxes of political biography of S.Ch.Bos". M. 2000.

At present the researchers of the Institute of Oriental Studies are not doing a special investigation on life and activity of S.Ch.Bos but the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organize a meeting of Russian historians dealing with this problem with the members of the Commission of the judge M.K.Mukerji. The time and place of the meeting can be discussed later.

Director of Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences

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October 13, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to correspondence resting with your letter no. JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56 (V)/270, dated 23 September 2003 regarding details of archives and information relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. Our Mission in Tashkent, Uzbekistan has in the past few months been making efforts to obtain the requisite information and material. After reminders and follow-up, the Mission has finally received a Note from the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs informing that the information is not available in the archives of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The original Note in Russian received from the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongwith the unofficial English translation is forwarded for your record.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

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To,

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Министерство иностранных дел Республики Узбекистан свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индия в Республике Узбекистан и в ответ на ноты Посольства за номером TAS/102/2/2002 от 16.12.02г., 30.07.03г. и 15.09.03г. относительно наличия в архивах Республики Узбекистан информации о Нетаджи Субхаше Чандре Бозе имеет честь сообщить следующее.

Интересующей Посольство информации, касающейся Нетаджи Субхаша Чандра Боза, в архивах Республики Узбекистан не имеется.

Министерство иностранных дел Республики Узбекистан пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству Республики Индия в Республике Узбекистан уверения в своем высоком уважении.

Ташкент, 24 сентября 2003 года

Посольству Республики Индия,
г. Ташкент



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in the Republic of Uzbekistan and with reference to the Embassy's Notes No. TAS/102/2/2002 of 16.12.03, 30.07.03 and 15.09.03 regarding availability of information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the archives of the Republic of Uzbekistan has the honour to state the following.

Information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose sought by the Embassy is not available in the archives of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India in the Republic of Uzbekistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tashkent, 24 September 2003

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Ambassador of India
Tashkent

No.TAS/102/2/02

September 26, 2003

My dear Ruchi, Suv. 80

Kindly refer to the correspondence, resting with my letter No.TAS/102/2/02 dated July 31, 2003, regarding information concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the archives of Uzbekistan. NGO's file No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII refers.

2. In the above context, enclosed herewith is a self-explanatory note received from the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The original note is in Russian. An unofficial English translation is also enclosed.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

Sharat Sabharwal

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October 7, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to my letters of September 12, 2003 and September 23, 2003 regarding materials procured by our Mission in Washington relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We are forwarding herewith the article written by Ericson on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that appeared in the National Republic of 1954. The article was procured by our Mission in Washington from the Library of the Princeton University.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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REPUBLICANS naturally look upon Dwight Eisenhower as the head of their party, and Democrats, or at least the New Deal-Fair Deal element of the Democratic Party, regard Harry Truman or Adlai Stevenson as their leader. But while these men hold positions of honor and prestige, the really important man in party politics is the chap who put the leaders where they are today. Read "The Big Guy in Politics" by Senator Charles E. Potter, and you will learn that neither party could gain office or hold office without the precinct worker. He is the unsung hero behind the scenes, but he is the one who makes all else possible.

WE ALL REMEMBER Harry Truman's cry of "Red Herring." In fact, he shouted the slogan six times within eight months. Why did the Truman Administration seek to shield and shelter Communists and subversives in Washington? This is one of the most important questions facing the American people today, and you'll have a better understanding of what went on—and why—if you turn to Page 3 and read "Truman's 'Red Herring,'" by Congressman Frank T. Bow, another of the outstanding articles regularly offered by the **NATIONAL REPUBLIC**.

EDUCATION is a continuing problem for Americans. It is where the Communists are concentrating much of their fire in an attempt to recruit our young men and women. And the NATIONAL REPUBLIC is happy to present another enlightening article on this subject. Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi knows how the Reds operate behind the Iron Curtain, and he now has had several years of experience on an American campus. He has something to tell us in his timely essay—"American Education at the Crossroads."

As we once again celebrate the birth of the Father of Our Country, it is highly appropriate to call your attention this month to two articles. On Page 13 W. A. Carto offers "Let's Read Again the Farewell Address!", and on Page 21 H. Paul Caemmerer contributes "The Nation's Capital and George Washington." Both are inspiring presentations for February.

THE WELL-ROUNDED FARE in this issue includes other features which you should not miss. To those who view with alarm the One World threat, we suggest L. E. Whitney's "The Constitution versus the U. N. Charter." To those whose eyes are turned toward the East, we recommend "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India," written by Elliot Erikson, a newcomer to our columns. And all who believe in our way of life will find interesting reading in "Hello, Sucker!", "What Is a 'Liberal'?", "Accents by Ace" and "John Witherspoon—Christian and Patriot".

The current volume of the NATIONAL REPUBLIC will be available in microfilm form. For prices and information, address University Microfilms, 313 North First Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JAWAHARAL NEHRU AND THE RED THREAT TO INDIA

By ELLIOT ERIKSON

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HOW FAR do Jawaharal Nehru's sympathies really lie with world Communism? How much of a threat is the Kremlin to India? The questions become ever greater puzzles that have more and more menace in their content.

Within the United Nations, India has been much more of a friend of the U.S.S.R. than it has been of the United States. V. K. Krishna-Menon, India's delegate, is a man of strong and long-standing Communist sympathies. During his stay in England as a student, he wrote articles for the London *Daily Worker*. He joined the English Labor Party, and in the early days of the war, before Hitler attacked Russia, Krishna-Menon refused to break with the Communists, although the rest of the laborites did.

Consequently, Krishna-Menon was cut off the lists of laborite parliamentary candidates. Then, when the panzers hurtled across the steppes, he came out for full aid to the Soviets, earning much animosity in India, where many saw the war as a chance to revolt against England. Now, Krishna-Menon sits in the United Nations, and hurls long streams of abuse at Americans.

Nehru himself proclaims Indian "neutrality" in the cold war, but assaults America frequently, seldom sitting at Russia. He has engineered the Asian-Arab bloc which sides much more with the Soviets than with the United States. He sells radioactive Thorium, a product useful for atom-bomb manufacture, to the Soviets but none to the West.

The question of whom his actions aid does not exist. The most important problem is how much does he act out of genuine sympathy and how much out of political fear?

Within India itself, Nehru hardly ranks as a leftist, despite his increasingly loud talk of Socialism. His government has done nothing about land reform, little about public development of industry, and has always managed to gain the support of the wealthy manufacturers of the industrial centers. Indian capitalists, some of the richest in the world, are not as taxed or restricted as their American counterparts. Nehru, of course, promises changes, and speaks of plans to propel India into Socialism. Planning has been going on for years, but little has been done.

The Indian people are pretty much anti-West by experience as well as by propaganda. England was, for them, the traditional enemy and oppressor. America had bases in

India during the war, and when mob fighting broke out against the English, Americans became involved as a matter of course. To the Indian, it is easy to picture America as simply the successor to the crown of English imperialism. Nehru, who knows the Indian mind well, undoubtedly thinks that a strong alliance with the West would mean a disaster.

But the Communist world is able to put much pressure on him.

The military threat to India has been overestimated, especially by circles in the Indian government who would like American money without having to give up their present anti-American position. True, Tibet no longer exists as a buffer between the sub-continent and China. Afghanistan could fall in hours. But a Chinese or Russian military invasion still would have to channel itself through a handful of small passes and over rugged mountain roads. Armor would find its gasoline supplies hard to furnish and easy to block. Infantry could be bottled up in the Himalayas.

Already, English jets and facilities for maintaining them exist in Pakistan. The fields could be swiftly filled with American Sabres, and with tactical atomic bombs that could possibly make any Russo-Chinese invasion of India a debacle.

The political threat is a different story. Perhaps a major element in this menace is the mystery of the supposedly dead leader, Chandra Bose.

During the war, Chandra Bose volunteered his services to the Japanese, and led a "liberation" army which was supposed to help Nippon in its invasion of India. The army accomplished nothing, but Chandra Bose increased his standing as a national hero. Before the war, he was an arch-priest of violence in the overthrow of the British; despite the opposition of both Nehru and Gandhi, he got himself elected as leader of the Congress Party.

Now, for his work with the Japanese, Bose is considered a hero by the millions who rioted in the abortive 1942 revolt against the British, and who were put down with tank guns and tear gas. Countless families have but two pictures in their homes—those of Gandhi and Chandra Bose. Numerous Congress Party officials, even those who strongly oppose Chandra Bose and all he stands for, say that if the unpredictable rebel lived today, he, not Nehru, would rule India.

There is a strong possibility that Bose is alive. At the end of the war, when the Japanese front collapsed in Burma, Bose, if he showed himself, ran a great risk of being prosecuted as an international war criminal. He was supposed to have tried to escape Burma by plane, and died in a crash.

Yet numerous people report seeing him after his supposed death, including a nurse in a field hospital who treated him for minor injuries. His body was never found, and Allied intelligence officers could find



Jawaharlal Nehru

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no evidence that he died in the wreckage of the plane he was supposed to have fallen in.

The rumor persists that he soon took another plane, time to Yenan, then the capital of Communist China. At that time, India was not yet free, and Bose could have easily been hunting for a new possible enemy of England who would precipitate another war that might collapse the British Empire. World Communism would be an excellent candidate.

If Bose is still held prisoner in Communist China, he could be sprung as the leader of a Red "liberation" of India from capitalism. The most strongly anti-Communist Congress leaders admit that if such an event happened, Indian resistance to China would collapse immediately.

The internal political threat is a more tangible menace than rumors about a dead man, but the geography of this threat is more important than the numbers. The Indian Communist Party is now the second largest in the nation, holding 30 per cent of the vote. Also, it has a large number of armed irregulars who have carried on partisan warfare with the government for years.

The Indian Army has shown itself quite able to take care of the partisans, and, although Nehru is indifferent toward armed Chinese ravagers in Korea, he is quite ruthless in dealing with the Red revolution when it sticks out its head in his own nation.

THE Communist vote has not affected the Congress strength. The Congress is still overwhelmingly the majority party, both among the people and in parliament. The supporters of Moscow draw their strength from areas which never voted for the Congress anyway, notably industrial workers and the disaffected nationalities of the South. Formerly these votes went to the impractical, non-violent Socialists, but when it became obvious that the Socialist Party could accomplish nothing, its supporters turned Communist.

Communist control in the South is most dangerous to the concept of a united India. Bolsheviks now control the whole tip of the southward-pointing spearhead which is India. In this tip, not only is landlordism at its unmitigated worst, but there is dissatisfaction on another score: the primarily centralist Congress wanted a strong national government, and English and Hindustani as the official languages. The southern provinces have histories and languages of their own, and separatism has always been popular among them. Now the Communists have succeeded in ending Hindustani as the official language of the South, substituting local dialects. Continued agitation could possibly bring about separatism, and open civil war. If the Kremlin wanted to fish in such troubled waters by supplying arms, ammunition, and propaganda, Nehru's government might be pushed over the edge of bankruptcy by the cost of the resultant struggle.

In the cities, unemployment is a growing problem. The Ford Foundation now lists it as more important than food. Formerly the Indian worker often earned less than was required to buy enough food to eat, and slept 13 in a room in cheap and unsanitary housing. Disease and discontent were rampant, and the Soviets exploited the situation to the full.

In one foreign-owned steel mill, the Indian laborers became so infuriated, they threw the European foremen into the blast furnaces. The Indian anti-Communist agitator, Swarup, had great difficulties in issuing his pamphlets, since the printers' unions refused to print them. The temper of the Indian worker is ugly; the wealthy mill owners and ex-nobles sit in their

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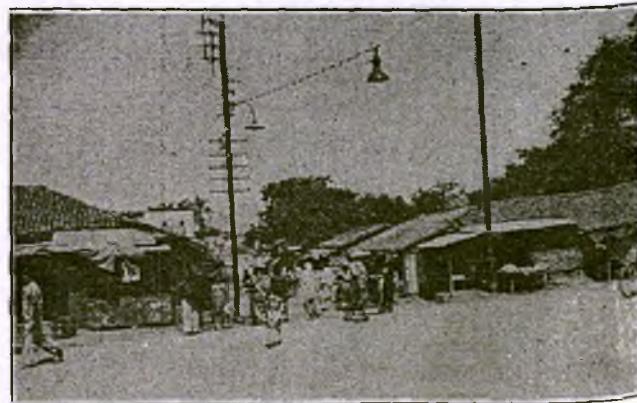
beautiful mansions in Calcutta and Bombay and refuse to invest anything. They feel quite openly that it is only a question of time. They see themselves as lost in their own country, and make plans openly for quick flight from the mobs in the slums so near to them. The desperate economic circumstances of these seething crowds now become worse.

Before the last elections, Nehru adopted a moderate policy. He was quite strict in showing his neutrality, and he always was a sincere believer in peace. In India proper, he talked Socialism but listened attentively to his Conservative advisers. He believed very strongly that China could be encouraged to break away from Moscow, if China saw it had a strong bloc of Asian friends to balance against the Occident.

Then China seized Tibet, and the Indian elections threatened his nation with near dissolution. Nehru had to insure support among his own people, and simultaneously to buy as much internal peace as he could from Moscow.

For the Kremlin, India is perhaps more useful as a willing pawn than as an obvious chattel. Nehru undoubtedly gambles that the Politburo will see it that way, and Malenkov so far acts as if he does.

If such is the true set of motives for Nehru's policy, does he gamble correctly, or, by strengthening Communism, does he lay the cornerstone for his and India's political tomb?



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September 23, 2003

Dear Ms. Ghanashyam

In continuation of my earlier of September 5, 2003, I am forwarding the article written by Ericson on Netaji Subhash Bose that appeared in the National Republic of 1954. The article has been received from the Library of the Princeton University.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Subhakanta Behera

(Dr. S.K. Behera)

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Mrs. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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October 1, 2003

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Warm wishes,

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Shri Ravi Bangar,
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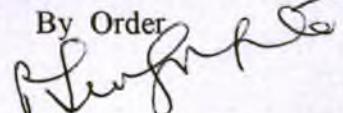
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Charge d' Affairs,
Embassy of India,
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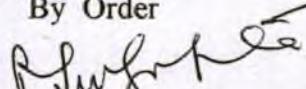
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By Order

(P. K. Sengupta)
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Saurabh Kumar
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From : **P.K. Sengupta**
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To
Shri Rakesh
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
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New Delhi 110 001

Sub: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and local language at Singapore,Bangkok and Saigon

Sir,

I am directed to say that on careful scrutiny of the materials available before it the Commission hopes and expects that some material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry may be unearthed by visiting Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon provided wide publicity is given to the visit of the Commission and the terms of the inquiry being held by it at those places. It may be mentioned here that the Khosla Commission visited Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Penang, Burma, Taiwan, etc., and examined a number of witnesses at those places, but all endeavours of the Commission to get in touch with them or to obtain their present whereabouts through your ministry have gone in vain. The depositions of the witnesses recorded by the Khosla Commission do not give their relevant particulars except their names only.

I am further directed to say that it may not be out of place to mention here that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air was from Saigon. He allegedly ^{had} gone to Saigon by air from Singapore with a stop-over at Bangkok. The plane carrying him allegedly crashed at Taipei in Taiwan.

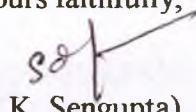
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I am further directed to say that the Commission intends to publish a similar notice at Taipei,Taiwan and for this the Commission will seek the assistance of the Economic and Cultural Center of Taiwan in New Delhi, ~~as the Commission has been made to understand unequivocally that no help in this regard will be available from the Government of India which has no diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.~~

The Commission may kindly be kept informed of the publication of the enclosed notice at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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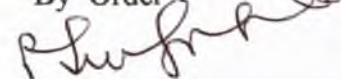
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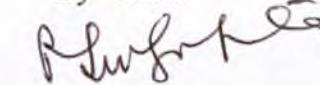
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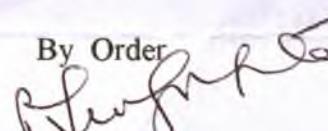
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No 12014/3/2003-NCB
Ministry of Home Affairs
NCB Section

Dt. 25-9-2003

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and local language at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

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Enclosure: As above.

M. S. ZUHA 25/9/03.
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Pl. Pm. on file.

Ms.Ruchi Ghanshyam
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS/WITNESS/2002-03/70(II)/265

September 17, 2003

From : **P.K. Sengupta**
Secretary

To
Shri Rakesh
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
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New Delhi 110 001

Rakesh
25.9.2003
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Sub: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and local language at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon

Sir,

I am directed to say that on careful scrutiny of the materials available before it the Commission hopes and expects that some material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry may be unearthed by visiting Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon provided wide publicity is given to the visit of the Commission and the terms of the inquiry being held by it at those places. It may be mentioned here that the Khosla Commission visited Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Penang, Burma, Taiwan, etc., and examined a number of witnesses at those places, but all endeavours of the Commission to get in touch with them or to obtain their present whereabouts through your ministry have gone in vain. The depositions of the witnesses recorded by the Khosla Commission do not give their relevant particulars except their names only.

I am further directed to say that it may not be out of place to mention here that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air was from Saigon. He allegedly ^{had} gone to Saigon by air from Singapore with a stop-over at Bangkok. The plane carrying him allegedly crashed at Taipei in Taiwan.

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Dr. Subha

By. No. L-2234 DSC
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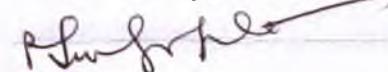
I am directed by the Commission to request you to kindly get the enclosed notice published through the Indian Embassies/Indian Missions at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon in English and the respective local languages so that the people of those places may know about the Commission and the terms of the on-going inquiry. Depending upon the response of the local people of the said places that may be evoked by the publication of the notice, the Commission will take a decision regarding visit to the places for examination of witnesses and collection of relevant documents and materials, whatever may be available.

I am further directed to say that the Commission intends to publish a similar notice at Taipei,Taiwan and for this the Commission will seek the assistance of the Economic and Cultural Center of Taiwan in New Delhi, as the Commission has been made to understand unequivocally that no help in this regard will be available from the Government of India which has no diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.

The Commission may kindly be kept informed of the publication of the enclosed notice at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS/WITNESS/2002-03/70(II)/265

September 17, 2003

Copy for information to:-
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(P.K. Sengupta)
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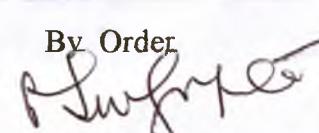
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- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
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- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available at Saigon. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Saigon.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Indian Mission / Embassy of India at Saigon or the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.

By Order


(P. K. Sengupta)
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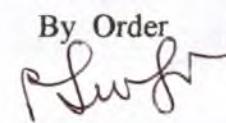
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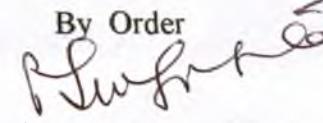
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(P. K. Sengupta)
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No. JMCI /DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/270.

Kolkata, dated, 23.09.03.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.(IX) dated June 27, 2003 and to request you to kindly let the Commission know the further developments in the pending matters mentioned therein including the matters of Azerbaijan, Belarus & Lithuania, Georgia, Tazikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Ireland.

I am further directed to mention that the Directors, Lithuanian Literature and Arts Archive, Lithuanian Central State Archive and Lithuanian New State Archives have intimated in reply to our e-mails to them that there are no documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in their archives.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission

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No. TOK/102/02/03

August 29, 2003

Dear Vijay,

This refers to your D.O. No. 25/4/CNV-Vol.IX dated July 15, 2003 regarding the then Foreign Secretary's letter No. 10565/FS/01 dated September 11, 2001 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

The matter related to the request of the Hon'ble Commission to the Government of Japan to make available all documents either in their possession or under their control relevant to the points of enquiry. The Mission had originally conveyed its request in writing to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan vide its Note Verbale No. 73/2001 dated September 21, 2001. We have since made oral demarches and sent written reminders to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs seeking their response to the above Note Verbale in writing. However, we have not received any reply to date. Since the receipt of your letter of July 15, 2003, we have again been in touch and met with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and sent a written request reiterating our desire for a firm reply to the request of the Hon'ble Commission.

I am writing to convey that we shall continue to pursue the matter and shall send the response of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as soon as it is received.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Biren Nanda

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
MEA, New Delhi.

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Copy forwarded to Shri Ashok K. Kantha, JS(EA), MEA, New Delhi.

Soon. We may
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भारत का उच्चायोग
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

10 September, 2003

Dear Joint Secretary,

This has reference to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 13 May 2003 addressed to the High Commissioner regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

After our repeated reminders and follow-up, we have been informed by the National Archives of Malaysia that they did not find any document/information on Netaji's Subhash Chandra Bose. They would inform if they could locate any information on him in future. A copy of the letter received in this regard is forwarded herewith for information.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

✓ Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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30 August 2003

Mr. V. Mahalingam
First Secretary
High Commission of India
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Off Jalan Duta
50480 KUALA LUMPUR.

Dear Sir,

Information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

I am directed to refer to your letter of 7 July 2003 regarding the above.

2. We did some research following your request on the above subject, unfortunately we did not find any document/information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Should we chance upon any information on him in the future, we will certainly write to you again.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours truly,

(YATINAH RIMUN)
for Director General
National Archives of Malaysia.

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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS/WITNESSES/2002-03/70(II)/242

September 04, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi – 110 001

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of an article titled " Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India", authored by one Mr. Elliot Ericson.

As it appears from the copy of the article filed by one of the deponents as an annexure to his affidavit filed before the Commission, it was published in the National Republic, a monthly Magazine of Fundamental Americanism in February 1954 . I am directed to say that the contents of the article prima facie appear to be relevant to the points of inquiry before the Commission and so in order to get an authenticated copy of that article the Princeton Library of the USA was requested by an e.mail (e.mail address – mudd @ princeton.edu) to send an authenticated copy of the article. In response to that e.mail dated 14.5.03 Ms. Mary George of the Princeton University Library informed by an e.mail dated 22.5.03 that the Princeton's Main Catalogue " says we hold the National Republic for 1954, but the set is in a remote storage facility". She further informed that they could provide a copy of the Ericson's article if the Commission made an inter-library loan request through its own library (a copy of the e.mail is enclosed). From the webpage of the library we obtained information about their inter-library services to other libraries and the fees they charge for that (copy enclosed).

As the Commission has no library of its own to avail itself of the inter-library loan services of the Princeton University, the National Archives of India were requested to obtain an authenticated copy of the article and send the same to the Commission, vide letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/77 dt. 27.5.03 (copy enclosed). In reply to that letter dated 27.5.03, Sri S.M.R. Baqar, Deputy Director of National Archives, New Delhi, has informed that the National Archives of India made all efforts , but an authenticated copy of the article could not be acquired from the Princeton Library, USA , either on library exchange or by making payments as per their rules (vide Sri Baqar's d.o. letter no. 9-2(5)/2001- P.A. dt. 26.8.03 a copy of which is enclosed). Sri Baqar, has however, advised the Commission to contact the concerned officials of the Ministry of External Affairs for getting a copy of the article through the Indian Embassy in USA.

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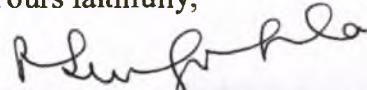
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In this backdrop, I am directed to request you to kindly obtain an authenticated copy of the article through the Indian Embassy in USA and send the same to this Commission as early as possible. As requested by Ms Mary George of the Princeton University, a copy of the enclosed article may be sent to her along with the request for the authenticated copy of the article to enable her to locate the article.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Dated the 26 AUG 2003

S.M.R BAQAR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES

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Dear Shri Sengupta,

Kindly refer to your letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)77 dated 27th May, 2003 regarding supply of copy of an Article entitled '**Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India**' authored by Eliot Ericson to the Hon'ble Commission.

I would like to inform you that National Archives of India made all its efforts but the authenticated copy of the desired article could not be acquired from Princeton Library, USA either on library exchange or by making payment as per their rules. You are, therefore, advised to contact concerned officials of Ministry of External Affairs for getting the copy of the desired article through Indian Embassy in USA.

with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(S.M.R. BAQAR)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary,
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By Speed Post
Dated 27/5/03.

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No. JMC Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II) Kolkata, dated, 27th May' 03.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : The Director General,
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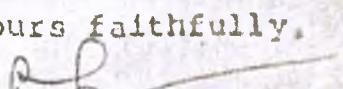
S i r,

Enclosed please find a copy of an article titled "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India", authored by Elliot Ericson. This article allegedly appeared in February 1954 in the National Republic, a monthly American Magazine. A copy of this article is an annexure to an affidavit filed before the Commission.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated May 22, 2003 received by e.Mail from Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library as also of the write-up sent by her in reply to a request of the Commission for an authenticated copy of the article and to request you to kindly obtain an authenticated copy of the article authored by one Elliot Ericson and send the same to the Commission since it has no Library of its own through which Inter Library loan ~~Borrowing~~ Service may be sought for from the Princeton University Library.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

**Proposed Rule for the Control of
Manufacture, Importation,
and Distribution of
Harmful Substances
Under Section 5 of the
Toxic Substances Control Act**

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ANNEXURE - S

NATIONAL RE-PUBLIC

(A monthly Magazine of fundamental Americanism - February, 1854)

Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India by Elliot Erikson

The Indian people are pretty much anti-west by experience as well as by propaganda. England was for them the traditional enemy and oppressor. America had bases in India during the war and when mob-fighting broke out against the English, Americans became involved as a matter of course. To the Indian it is easy to picture American as simply the successor to the throne of English imperialism. Nehru, who knows the Indian mind well, undoubtedly thinks that a strong alliance with the west would mean a disaster.

But the Communist world is able to put much pressure on him.

The Military threat to India has been over-estimated especially by circles in the Indian Government, who would like American money without having to give up their present anti-American position. True, Tibet no longer exists as a buffer between the Sub-continent and China. Afghanistan could fall in hours. But the Chinese or the Russian Military invasion still would have to chazzel itself through a handful of small bases and over rugged mountain roads. Armour would find its gasoline supplies hard to furnish and easy to block. Infantry could be bottled up in the Himalayas.

Already, English jets and facilities for maintaining them exist in Pakistan. The fields could be swiftly filled with American Sabers and with tactical atomic bombs that could possibly make the Russo-Chinese invasion of India, a debacle.

The political threat is a different story. Perhaps a major element in the menace is the mystery of the supposedly dead leader
Chandra Bose.



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Nehru and Chandra Bose
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During the war Chandra Bose volunteered his services to the Japanese and led a liberation army which was supposed to help Nippon in its invasion of India. The army accomplished nothing but Chandra Bose increased his standing as a National hero. Before the war he was the Arch-priest of violence in the overthrow of the British. Despite the opposition of both Nehru and Gandhi, he got himself elected as leader of the Congress Party.

Now, for this work with the Japanese Bose is considered a hero by millions, who rioted in the abortive 1942 revolt against the British and who were put down with tanks, arms and tear gas. Countless families have but true pictures - those of Gandhi and Chandra Bose. Numerous Congress Party officials, even those who strongly opposed Chandra Bose and all he stands for, say that if the unpredictable rebel lived to-day, he, not Nehru, would rule India.

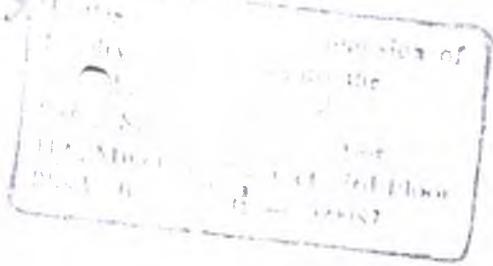
There is a strong possibility that Bose is alive. At the end of the War, when the Japanese front collapsed in Burma, Bose, if he showed himself, ran a great risk of being prosecuted as an international war-criminal. He was supposed to have escaped from Burma by plane and died in a crash.

Yet, numerous people report seeing him after his death, including a nurse in a field-hospital who treated him for minor injuries. His body was never found and Allied Intelligence Officials could find no evidence that he died in the wreckage of the plane he was supposed to have fallen in.

The rumour persists that he soon took another plane, this time to Yenan, the then Capital of Communist China. At that time India was not yet free and Bose could have been hunting for a new possible enemy of England, who would precipitate another war that might collapse the British Empire. World Communism would then be an excellent candidate.

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If Bose is still held prisoner in the Communist China, he could be strung as leader of a Red Liberation of India from Capitalism. The most strongly anti-communist Chinese leaders admit that if such an event happened, Indian resistance to China would collapse immediately.

The internal political threat is a more tangible menace than rumours about a dead man, but the geography of this treat is more important than the numbers.

Before the last Elections Nehru adopted a moderate policy. He was quite strict in showing his neutrality and he always was a sincere believer of peace. In India proper, he talked socialism but listened attentively to his conservative advisers. He believed very strongly that China could be encouraged to break away from Moscow, if China saw it had a strong block of Asian friends to balance against the accidents.

China seized Tibet and the Indian elections threatened his nation with near dissolution. Nehru had to insure support among his own people, and simultaneously to try as much internal peace as he could from Moscow.

From the Kremlin, India is perhaps more useful as a willing pando than an obvious chattel. Nehru undoubtedly gables that the pilot-hero will see if that way and Malenkov so far acts as if he does.

If such is the true set of motives for Nehru's policy, does he gable correctly or by strengthening communism, does he lay the Ernerstone for his and India's political tomb".



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From: Mary W. George <mwgeorge@Princeton.EDU>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 1:35 AM
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American) National Republic of 1954]]

Dear P. K. Sengupta:

Princeton's Main Catalog says we hold the *National Republic* for 1954, but the set is in a remote storage facility. We can provide a copy of the Ericson article if you make an interlibrary loan request through your own library. We will also need a complete citation to the article (or at least the beginning page) so that we can request the correct volume from storage. Information about our interlibrary loan service to other libraries, and about the fees we charge, is on this web page:

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Sincerely,
Mary George
Princeton University Library

Subject: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American)National Republic of 1954

Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 16:15:05 +0530

From: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>

To: mudd@Princeton.EDU

CC: truman.library@nara.gov

To: The Librarian / Director.

It is learnt that an article on/about Subhas Chandra Bose ,authored by one Elliot Ericson ,appeared in an issue of 1954 of (American)National Republic, a monthly magazine.If it is true and the Magazine is in your library\archives,may I request you to kindly send an authenticated copy of the article by post/fax/e-mail?The article is relevant for an ongoing inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose .

Warm regards.

PK Sengupta

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NO. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(IIIY/238.)

Kolkata, dated. 3rd Sept.'03.

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated August 4, 2003 and to request you to kindly furnish immediately the name and other relevant particulars including credential of the Japanese expert who has been identified by the Indian Mission in Japan for the purpose of the D.N.A. testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple.

This may kindly be treated as very urgent.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta

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P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Reply sent via Dir(CNV)'s letter
dt. 4-9-03.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

भारत सरकार
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

No.

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.IX (i)

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September 4, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83 (III)/238, dated 3 September 2003 in response to my letter dated August 4, 2003, seeking name and details of the Japanese expert located by our Mission in Tokyo for the purpose of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple.

2. Our Mission in Tokyo had located Prof. Momoki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a Professor in the Department of Integrated Biosciences, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo. However, the Mission had also sought advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project.

3. JMCI may like to set out the parameters for identification and selection of a suitable DNA expert, as clarified by Ministry of Home Affairs. The Ministry of Home Affairs had conveyed that the selection of a DNA expert is to be done by the JMCI. This was subsequently followed by MHA's letter no. U/12014/13/2000-IS-V (NCB) Vol IV dated 13 August 2003 addressed directly to you (with a copy endorsed to this Ministry) clarifying the various issues in this regard.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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FROM : JMCI

By FAX & Regd. Post with A/D.

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NO. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(IX)/238.

Kolkata, dated. 3rd Sept.'03.

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This may kindly be treated as very urgent.

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Yours faithfully,

P.K.Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Spm. Letter to Mr. Sengupta
has been put up
to Dir.(CNV)

Reply Issued

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August 18, 2003

No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

Ms. Mary George
Librarian
Princeton University Library
Princeton, New Jersey 08544

Dear Madam,

Please refer to correspondences with the Embassy of India in Washington DC (letter No. Was/Pol/845/2/2003 dated March 25, 2003) and Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry in New Delhi. I am yet to receive any response from you about the materials I had requested vide my letter of March 25, a copy of which is enclosed for your ready reference. We also came to know that your library is in possession of Elliot Ericson's article on Netaji Subhash Bose which appeared in an issue of National Republic of 1954. I will be grateful if you urgently look into the matter and make necessary arrangement to send us the requested material.

Regards,

Enclosure: as above

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Behera)
Counsellor (Pol., Cul. & Edu.)

Copy to Mr. Ruchi Ghanshyam, Director (C&W)
MEA, New Delhi.

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No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

Mr. Allen W. Thrasher
Senior Reference Librarian,
Library of Congress
Southern Asia Section,
Washington D.C. 20540

Dear Mr. Thrasher,

The Government of India has set up Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, a revered leader of India's freedom struggle. His brief bio-sketch is attached herewith. The Commission has requested us to obtain the following document which is presumably available in your library:

- A copy of Elliot Erikson's article of February 1954 published in National Republic, a monthly magazine of Fundamental Americanism.

The document requested, if made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission will facilitate establishing the circumstances under which Subhash Chandra Bose died/disappeared. I will appreciate an early reply on the matter.

Regards,

Enclosure: as above

Yours sincerely,

Stephen

(Dr. S.K. Behera)
Counsellor (Pol., Cul. & Edu.)

S. H. Only Copy to Mr. Ruchi Ghanshyam, Director (CNV)
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(III)/ 217 (75)

August 26, 2003

From :

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

Under Certificate of Posting

To

The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

Pl. check from our records
why this is addressed to
us. what action is called
for from us in this regard?

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Sh. H.

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 16.09.2003 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Shri Madhusudan Pal,
2. Shri Kripa Sindhu Saha, representing All India Forward Bloc,
3. Shri Paras Dutta,
4. Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty,
5. Shri J. K. Dutt,
6. Shri Sugata Bose,
- and 7. Shri Surya Kumar Bose

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(III)/ 217 (75)/2

August 26, 2003

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India, 33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal; F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

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No. JMCIDoc(For)/1999-2000/56(IV)/214. *(Signature)* Kolkata, dated, 22nd August '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the matter enumerated in the last para of your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NCO - Vol. IX(II) dated 11.06.03 and to say that the desired report referred to therein is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange to send the said report as expeditiously as possible.

*Action item
Report*

Yours faithfully,

M.R.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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NO. JMC/Doc(For)/1999-2000/56(IV)/213.

Kolkata, dated, **22nd August' 03.**

**From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty**

**To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the matters mentioned in para 3 of your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO - Vol. IX(II) dated 11.06.03 and to say that the action taken report referred to therein is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send the said report to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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NO. JMCI/ EO/2002-2003/83/201

Kolkata, dated, August 13, 2003

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Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the third para of your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(II) dated 15.07.03 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission and to send herewith XEROX copies of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/87/520 dated 27.01.03 and the enclosures thereto, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

M.R.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Enclo : As stated above.

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83/520.

Kolkata, dated, **27.01.2003.**

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary
To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the communication dated January 22, 2003 made by the Commission with Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, UK and his reply dated January 22, 2003 thereto, both sent by e-Mail and to request you to kindly obtain names, addresses, e-Mail addresses, Fax Nos. etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories in UK through the Indian High Commission in UK and send those to the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

PS
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : Asx stated above.

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From: Alec Jeffreys <aJJ@leicester.ac.uk>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

Dear Mr Sengupta

thank you for your enquiry concerning the very important case of Chandra Bose. I am afraid that I cannot be of assistance in this matter - my laboratory has not been involved directly in forensic DNA analysis for 10 years and we are neither equipped nor accredited for this type of investigation. Instead, I would strongly recommend that you contact one of the national forensic service laboratories, for example the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, who are fully tooled up to perform the complex analysis required in this case. It might also be worth exploring options in India - one obvious contact would be Dr Lalji Singh, director of the CCMT in Hyderabad.

Finally, I would note that DNA typing would be impossible on ashes, and may well prove impossible on the additional bone samples if they have been subjected to high temperatures. Even if they have not been heated, success is still not guaranteed. In this type of analysis, one has to be pragmatic, seeing whether any human DNA can be recovered - if no DNA is recoverable, then typing cannot be performed.

Please accept my sincere apologies for not be able to be of assistance.

Regards

Alec Jeffreys

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--On Wednesday, January 22, 2003 2:51 pm +0530 JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in> wrote:

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Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys

Department of Genetics,
University of Leicester,
University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH,
United Kingdom

Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before this Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

- ? Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash;
- ? Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket, which is lying in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, appears to contain;
- ? Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
- ? Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
- ? A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments;

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? A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;

? More bone fragments;

> For a thorough and scientific probe into the points of inquiry, the
> Commission wants to get DNA tests done on the mortal remains in the
> casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in order to establish the identity of
> the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Now the question is
> whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the
> purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both
> paternal and maternal lineages of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words,
> the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the
> mortal remains for the purpose of establishing the identity of deceased.
> Dr. Svante Paabo of the Max-Planck-Institut fur evolutionare
> Anthropologie of Liepzig, Germany, was approached by the Commission with
> a request to let the Commission know whether it was feasible to conduct
> DNA tests on the mortal remains in the casket in the Renkoji Temple for
> establishing the identity of the deceased. He referred us to you and
> furnished us with your email address.

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> I am, therefore, to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether
> it is feasible to conduct DNA test on the aforesaid mortal remains for
> establishing the identity of the deceased, assuming that blood samples
> from his closed relatives both on the paternal side and the material side
> will be available.

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> If it is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be
> followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA tests payable by the
> Commission.

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> An early reply will be highly appreciated,

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> With regards,

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> Sincerely yours,

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P. K. Sengupta,

Secretary,

> Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
> Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Block-B, 3rd
> Floor, Kolkata-700087, Tel-Fax no. 91-33-2252-2765

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division) ?

NGO Section may please refer to their Note dated 2nd July, 2002 and this Division's endorsements dated 9th Sept'02 and 8th Nov'02 (copies enclosed) regarding procurement of the following file required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry:-

File No.489(2)-CJK/49 - Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) Regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement.

2. We had requested RM Section vide our note dated 3rd July, 2002 to make the file available to us. The RM Section, however, vide their note dated 10th July, 2002 stated that the file had been transferred to National Archives of India, New Delhi for scientific preservation on 16-2-1995. However, after a number of checks/exchange of notes/ with both the NAI and RM Section, it was found that the said file had been destroyed by RM Section. A copy of their note dated 1st July, 2003 is enclosed herewith for information and record.

M. P. Bhardwaj
(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
19 August, 2003

US (NGO) may like to pls. see for information.

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SD (CNSGO)

on file pls.

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Notes at pre-page may kindly be perused.

RA

Vide our ID note dated 27th August, 2001, we had requested National Archives of India to send us the files at Sr. No. 1) and 2) on pre-page. These have been received and are placed below for kind perusal. With regard to file at Sr. No. 3) we had requested Director (CNV) to send us the file; NGO Section replied that the said file did not belong to them. Thereafter, we had requested RM Section to send us the file if it was with them. They have once again been requested and their reply is still awaited.

Submitted please.

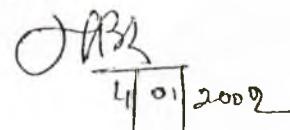


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Spot on. The two files placed below are to be considered for downgrading their classification so that they could be sent to ~~Justice P. N. Bhagwati~~ Commission - in this connection letter from National Archives of India may please be seen - FBA.

Submitted please.


4/01/2002

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(NGO Section)
Reference EA Division's note on pre-page. (170)

We may request EA Division to let us know by 5th July, the position regarding the availability of file No. 489(2)-CJK, since this has also to be forwarded to the National Archives alongwith the two other files.

Ans
2/7/02

US(NGO)

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry has been pressing for submission of File No. 489(2)-CJK [Questions & Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (legislation) regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement] along with other documents.

It is requested that the file may be made available to NGO at the earliest.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No.C/415/07/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

RM Section may please refer to this Division's Note **No.C/415/07/2001-JP dated 3/7/2002 (copy enclosed)** and their comments thereon regarding procurement of the following file required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry:-

File No. **489(2)-CJK/49** -Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) Regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement

2. On the basis of RM Section's reply/comments we had requested National Archive of India to provide the file urgently to this Division. The National Archive of India has informed us that they have **NOT** received the aforesaid file stated to have been transferred by RM Section.

3. In this context, RM Section is once again requested to check their records and send the file at the earliest for onward transmission to **Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.**

Sd/-
(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
Tel: 301 0716

SO (RM)

✓ Copy to NGO Section w.r.t. their note dated 2.07.02 (copy enclosed) alongwith the reply received from RM Section, MEA and National Archive of India, New Delhi.

Under Secretary (EA)
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MOST IMMEDIATE/REMINDER

No.C/415/07/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

RM Section may please refer to this Division's Notes of even numbers dated 3rd July and 5th September, 2002 (copies enclosed) regarding procurement of the File No. 489(2)-CJK/49.

As the above file is urgently required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry, it is requested that the same may be sent to this Division on a priority basis.

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(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
Tel: 301 0716

SO (RM Section)

✓ Copy to NGO Section w.r.t. their note dated 02-Jul-02.

Under Secretary (EA)
8-11-2002

Ministry of External Affairs
(Records Management Section)

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Dated:- 30.06.2003.

13/5/2003
02/7/03

Please refer to US(EA)'s note No. C/415/07/2001-JP dated 26 March, 2003. (F/R)

As regards 'A' :- it is submitted that the confusion created due to oversight since there are two files bearing number (1) 489-CJK/49; and (2) 489(2)/CJK/49. The former has been transferred to NAI and the later has been destroyed by burning in RM Section. Photocopies of the relevant papers of our records are attached herewith at F/A and F/B respectively.

As regards 'B' :- it is mentioned that we are not in a position to provide EA Division with a copy of approval of the competent authority authorising destruction of the said file since the records is not traceable. However, it is mentioned that the file has been destroyed.

Submitted please.

S. S. S. S.
For Section Officer
RM Section
Tel. 230-11-175

JS(PP&R) 1/7

US(EA) May kindly be seen.
Dr. CJK 1/7

Don't see need to inform the
CNU Division.

US(EA)

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No.C/415/7/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

NGO Section may please refer to their Note dated 2nd July, 2002 and this Division's endorsements dated 9th Sept'02 and 8th Nov'02 (copies enclosed) regarding procurement of the following file required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry:-

File No.489(2)-CJK/49 - Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) Regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement.

2. We had requested RM Section vide our note dated 3rd July, 2002 to make the file available to us. The RM Section, however, vide their note dated 10th July, 2002 stated that the file had been transferred to National Archives of India, New Delhi for scientific preservation on 16-2-1995. However, after a number of checks/exchange of notes with both the NAI and RM Section, it was found that the said file had been destroyed by RM Section. A copy of their note dated 1st July, 2003 is enclosed herewith for information and record.

(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
19 August, 2003

US (NGO)

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Kolkata, dated, 04.09.2003.

No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/

99-2000/48(IV)/244(7)

b/s

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

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To : 1) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
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✓ 2) Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
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3) Secretary, Prime Minister's Office,
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4) Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat,
Government of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi-110001.

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5) Secretary, Ministry of Defence (History Divn.),
Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.

6) Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Govt. of India, Akashbani Bhavan,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

7) Director, Intelligence Bureau,
Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies of
the Commission's Status Report as on July 9, 2003 and
of the Proceedings dated April 3, 2003, July 14, 2003,
and July 15, 2003 for your kind information and for
favour of taking necessary action at your end, if any.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above. Officer on Special Duty

Status Report as on 07.07.2003 showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the various proceedings of the Commission.

1. Status Reports for the months of March, April, May and June, 2003 were forwarded under Commission's Registered letters No.626(7) dated 02.04.2003, No. 50(7) dated 06.05.2003, No. 93(7) dated 04.06.2003, and No.150(7) dated 07.07.2003 respectively to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end. Copies of the Status Report as on 24.03.2003 (forenoon) and of the proceedings dated 26.03.2003, 27.03.2003 and 03.04.2003 have also been sent to the aforesaid authorities by Registered Post under Commission's letters No.48(IV)/53(7) dated 07.05.2003.
2. A Notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other parties concerned regarding the hearing of the Commission on 14.07.2003 and 15.07.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata and summonses have been issued to eight witnesses for their examination and to one more witness for his further re-examine during the hearing of the Commission.
3. (a) Xerox copies/authenticated copies of various files of the Government of India as received from time to time are being scrutinized and further references are being made to the Government of India to elicit further information/documents in appropriate cases.
(b) The Commission has been pursuing with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Intelligence Bureau, etc., Government of India, for various files/documents/records/reports called for from them which are yet to be received by the Commission.
4. The Commission in its letter No JMCL/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 has indicated all the correspondence made by it and the replies / responses thereto received by it regarding feasibility of D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 10.04.2003 : "Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton..... but there is a precondition - stipulated by him This is 'anthropological evaluation of remains, including photography'. He has categorically written, 'we would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding'.....".

The Commission, being unaware as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of D.N.A. test, has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the request 'to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains'. A copy of the said letter dated 10.04.2003 along with its enclosures was forwarded for information and

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necessary action to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The response of the Government of India is still being anxiously awaited. Meanwhile the Officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, came to the Commission and met the Hon'ble Chairman. They discussed with the Hon'ble Chairman and the Officers of the Commission about all pending matters including the feasibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

5. A xerox copy of the letter dated 10.02.2003 of Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and four others and xerox copies of the enclosures thereto, which is a list of documents exhibited by the witnesses before Justice Khosla Commission, have been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 with the request to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the said letter dated 10.02.2003 and its enclosures. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated March 28, 2003 of Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, it has been stated, inter alia, that copies originals of all the documents related to Justice Khosla Commission would be available only with the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the letter dated 1st November, 1951 of Shri Subimal Dutta, the then Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri A. M. Sahay, and the letter dated 17th January, 1952 of Shri A. M. Sahay to Shri Subimal Dutta were sent in original by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/15 dated 11.04.2003 to kindly send immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents as called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003, a copy of which appears to have been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs earlier in response to which the Ministry of External Affairs wrote the aforesaid d.o. letter dated March 28, 2003 to the Secretary of the Commission. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is still awaited.
6. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2003/87/67 dated May 22, 2003 the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been drawn to the Order of the Commission communicated to him by Commission's letters No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11th December, 2002 and No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2002/87/577 dated March 5, 2003 as also to the letter No. 1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V) dated 28.04.2003 received from Mr. U. K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, indicating, inter alia, the nature and extent of repeated non-compliance with the order and directions of the Commission and communicating the directions of the Commission to ensure that the reports asked for in the letters dated 9/11.12.2002 and 05.03.2003 of the Commission, reach the Commission as early as possible, but not later than 30th June, 2003. The affidavit sworn on June 27, 2003 by Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter of compliance with the orders of the Commission with regard to the Status Report from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 as communicated in Commission's letter No.

JMC/Stat Rept /99-2000/33A-453(6) dated 09/11the December, 2002 has been filed by Shri U.K. Kahra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on 04.07.2003. The said affidavit is under scrutiny.

7. The reports of the Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad regarding D.N.A. tests of the blood samples of two sons of the two elder brothers of Netaji and of one of the descendants belonging to the maternal lineage of Netaji and the teeth allegedly belonging to 'Gumanni Baba,' have been received in the first week of July, 2003. The said samples are yet to be received back. The Commission does not deem it prudent to disclose the reports now, as the question of obtaining DNA tests reports of another suitable DNA expert regarding the aforesaid samples and the specimens is under active consideration of the Commission.

8. The evidence of two deponents available in Pune and one deponent available in Amravati, Maharashtra, were recorded by the Secretary of the Commission on its behalf during the last week of June, 2003.

9. Seventy six records/files , which are admitted by the Intelligence Bureau , Government of India, to be available with them, could not be perused by Shri P.N. Chakravarty, Senior Research Officer of the Commission when he visited the Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi, as per programme in the second half of February, 2003 with prior intimation to the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India. He was given to understand that the Micro-film system of the I.B. has become non-functional ; that they are shifting their office to a new site and that it would take considerable time by the I.B. to make those records available for inspection on behalf of the Commission, after shifting of the records was completed and the Micro-film system was restored. The Deputy Central Intelligence Officer, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, Kolkata, has verbally intimated that those records can be made available now by the I.B. for inspection on behalf of the Commission. Necessary steps have been taken accordingly.

10. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No JMC/Overseas Witnesses/2002-2003/70(H)/75 dated May 27, 2003 to kindly take up with American Embassy and Consulates in India so that the Commission may get access to the records regarding Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose with them as admitted to be available in the letter dated March 13, 2003 of the Director, Textual Archive Services Division of the National Archives and Records Administration, USA addressed to Shri S.K. Behra, Counsellor, Embassy of India (Chancery), a copy of which has been sent to the Commission along with the d.o. letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission. Further development in the matter is awaited.

11. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have been requested by Commission's letters No.70(H)/72 and No. 70(H)/71, both dated May 27, 2003 respectively, to make endeavours to get the photographs

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of the scene of the plane crash as also the photographs taken at the hospital after the alleged death of Netaji and to send to the Commission the prints of those photographs along with negatives thereof as early as possible since the enclosures of the aforesaid letters reveal that according to Habibur Rahman those photos were taken and were then lying in the possession of the Japanese War Office in Tokyo. From Memo No.I-12014/13/2000-NCB dated June 6, 2003 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which has been endorsed to the Commission, it appears that the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Defence (History Division), Government of India, and the National Archives of India, have been requested to make efforts to locate the said photographs, if any, available in those Ministries/Departments and to communicate the result of the efforts to the Commission under intimation to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The materials called for are still awaited.

12. By Commission's letter No.70/443 dated November 27, 2002, a copy of the letter dated November 1, 2002 of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the deponents of the Affidavit No.JMCI/II has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in continuation of the Commission's letter No.56(IV)/398 dated November 11, 2002 with the request to take necessary action in the matter. In the said letter dated November 1, 2002 Shri Chakravarty has requested the Commission to visit the U.K., U.S.A., and Germany for reasons mentioned in his said letter. In response to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated December 3, 2002 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Secretary of the Commission, the Ministry of External Affairs has been requested by way of clarification to kindly take appropriate action to help the Commission have access to the documents referred to in the said letter dated November 1, 2002 of Shri Chakravarty. A reminder has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, vide Commission's letter No.70(II)/131 dated June 18, 2003 in the matter.
13. The report of the second hand writing expert regarding comparison of the hand writings allegedly of 'Gumanni Baba' of Faizabad with the admitted specimen hand writings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is expected to be available soon along with the aforesaid questioned documents and the admitted specimen handwritings.
14. The outcome of the action taken by the Indian Embassy in Moscow regarding their checking with the witnesses indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's registered letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Vol.II)/621 dated 01.04.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as mentioned in para 5 of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Ministry is still awaited.
15. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro

Okura, so that the Commission may have access to those documents. It has also been pointed out therein that from the materials before the Commission it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was issued on 18.08.1945; that from the certified copy of extract from the original document on Cremation Permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1956 and that the original document on cremation permit was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e., long after the end of the Second World War. In the d.o. letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX-I dated February 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated, inter alia : "we have asked our Embassy to seek the requisite clarifications and obtain the desired documents from the Government of Japan. The matter is under reference to the concerned authorities in Japan. We are waiting to hear from them on this issue. We shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities." From the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(III) dated 11.06.2003 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it appears that no positive response has yet been received by them from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

16. (a) By d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-VolIX dated June 27, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Secretary of the Commission it has been reported inter alia that the issue of declassification of all relevant British documents is being pursued, that under the provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only by giving specific details of the documents; that there is no relevant documents in Armenia, Turkmenistan, and Taiwan; that the requisite information regarding availability of relevant documents is awaited from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaya, and Ireland; and that German Foreign Office has conveyed that the request made to them regarding availability of relevant documents is too general in nature. By his d.o. letter of even No. dated April 22, 2003 the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has stated inter alia that no relevant documents are available in Russian State Military Archive, State Archive of Russian Federation, and Russian State Historical Archive of the Far East, that no information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of Russian F.S.B.; the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, the Manuscript Section of the Russian State Library, the Russian State Archives of Photographic Documents; and the Central State Archives of Russian Federation.

- (b) In reply to the reference made directly by the Commission, the Lithuanian New State Archives, the Lithuanian Literature and Art Archives, the Lithuanian Central State Archives and the Lithuanian Archives Departments have intimated by e-mails that they have no records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

17. The term of the Commission has been extended further for a period of six months beyond 14.05.2003.

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 3rd April, 2003 (22nd)
Held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
106, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata – 700 007

April 03, 2003

Of the two witnesses summoned today for examination, Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag is present. Other witness, Shri Ranendra Mohan Roy, by sending one petition along with a Doctor's certificate, has prayed for time on medical ground. Prayer has been considered and allowed.

Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag has been examined as CW.98. Sixteen letters written by him in his nick name "Cheran" have been marked Exhibits 141 to 141 (o). Nine letters written by 'Mukul', three letters of 'Renu', alias Anil Das, eighteen letters of 'Tripti' alias Santosh Bhattacharya, three slips written by 'Bhagawanji', three letters of Kumar Biswanath Roy, three letters written by Leela Roy have been marked Exhibits 142 to 142 (h), 143 to 143 (b), 144 to 144 (q), 145 to 145 (b), 146 to 146 (b) and 147 to 147 (b) respectively. Three letters written by Sain Roy and one manuscript of 28 pages in an exercise book written by Shri Roy have been marked Exhibits 148 to 148(b) and 148 (c) respectively. Two letters of Kaviraj Kamalakanta Ghosh, three letters of Prof. Samar Guha and one letter of Trailakyanath Chakraborty have been marked Exhibits 149 to 149(a), 150 to 150(b) and 151 respectively. The lists of articles have been marked Exhibits 152 collectively. Two books titled 'Oi Nahananab Ashe' and fourteen journals titled 'Jayashree' have been marked Exhibits 153 and 153 (a) and 154 to 154 (m) respectively. Three manuscripts written by Shri Nag in exercise books have been marked Exhibits 155 to 155 (b). Photographs have been marked Material Exhibits VIII, VIII(a), IX, IX(a), X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI and XVII.

STATUS REPORT

The parties and/or their lawyers have been heard in respect of 'Status Report' as on 24/03/2003.

Mr Rudrajyoti Bhattacharya (JMCI - 11) criticised the Government of India for not responding properly to the queries raised by the Commission regarding some relevant documents from time to time.

Mr. Keshab Bhattacharya, Ld. Counsel appearing for Forward Bloc (JMCI - 19) also criticised the Government of India and the inaction of Senior Standing Counsel appearing for the Government of India. He has stated that the smooth functioning of the Commission is being delayed as necessary documents have not yet been sent by the Government of India nor any proper reply has been received by the Commission to the queries relating to the relevant documents made by the Commission from time to time.

Mr Tarakeshwar Pal,Ld. Senior Standing Counsel for the Government of India in his reply has stated that he has tried his best to apprise the Government of India about the position but in reality no fruitful result is forthcoming. He, as usual, has assured the Commission that he will try his level best again so that the functioning of the Commission is not affected or jeopardised.

MDK Mukherjee
(M.K. Mukherjee),
Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 14th July, 2003 (23rd - D1)
held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

July 14, 2003

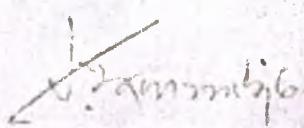
Two of the five witnessess summoned for examination today are present. They are Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and Dr. Susanta Kumar Mitra. So far as the other three are concerned, Shri Monoranjan Ghosh has, by submitting a letter by hand on 11.07.2003, expressed his inability to appear today on the ground of his going abroad. Other two witnessess viz. Shri J. K. Dutt and Shri Ranendra Mohan Roy do not appear.

Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta (CW 91) is present with some documents. He has been further examined and the documents produced by him have been marked Exhibits 166 (one envelope), 167 (a letter), 168 (eight envelopes and a 4-page letter) and 169 (a 7-page letter).

Dr. Susanta Kumar Mitra has been examined as CW 104. He has testified that the statements made in the Affidavit filed by him on 07.03.2000 and Supplementary Affidavit filed by him on 12.05.2003 are correct. He has identified his signatures on the Affidavit as well as on the Supplementary Affidavit. The Affidavit and the Supplementary Affidavit have been marked Exhibits 170 and 171 respectively. His signatures on the Affidavit and the Supplementary Affidavit have been marked 170/1 and 171/1 respectively. The Index of the Supplementary Affidavit dated 12.05.2003 and his signature thereon have been marked Exhibits 172 and 172/1 respectively. The book titled : "Netaji -Agnata Adhaya" authored by him has been marked Exhibit 173. The article titled "Netaji : Mrityur Par" authored by him annexed to the Affidavit dated 07.03.2000 has been marked Exhibit 174. 14 instalments of the article "Netaji Rahasya" authored by him annexed to the Affidavit dated 07.03.2000 have been marked Exhibit 175 (collectively). Originals of annexures 'E', 'F', 'G' and 'I' to the Affidavit dated 07.03.2000 have been marked Exhibits 176, 177, 178 and 179 respectively. His monologue in three audio cassettes has been marked Material Exhibit XIX (collectively). He has been cross examined by Shri Rudra Jyoti Bhattacharya (Deponent 11).

Dr. Mitra has prayed for time till tomorrow to file the authenticated copies of other annexures to the Affidavit dated 07.03.2000 and Supplementary Affidavit dated 12.05.2003. The prayer is allowed.

Proceedings adjourned till 10.30 a.m. tomorrow (15.07.2003) for examination of witnesses and hearing on 'Status Report'.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 15th July, 2003 (23rd – D2)
 held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

July 15, 2003

Dr Susanta Kumar Mitra (CW104) is present with some documents. He has been further examined and thereafter cross examined by Shri Keshab Bhattacharya, Ld. Adv for Deponent no. 19, Dr. Mudhusudan Pal, Deponent no. 14 and Shri Tarakeshwar Pal, Sr. Standing Counsel for the Government of India.

Of the four witnesses summoned today, three witnesses viz. Shri Rathindra Mohan Roy, Shri Subhransu Roy and Shri Dulal Nandy are present. Other witness, Dr. Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty, is absent.

Shri Rahindra Mohan Roy has been examined as CW 105. The letters authored by him have been marked Exhibits 180 to 180 (k), the letters written by his brothers Rajat and Ranen have been marked Exhibits 181 to 181 (d) and 182 to 182 (y) respectively. 85 letters written by his father Dr. Pabitra Mohan Roy (since deceased), the lists of the articles (5) prepared by his father, and one manuscript (10 pages) written by his father in the form of a diary have been marked Exhibits 183, 183 (a) and 183 (b) respectively. The book titled, "Netajir - Secret Service" authored by his father Dr. Pabitra Mohan Roy has been marked Exhibit 184.

Shri Subhransu Roy has been examined as CW 106. He has testified that the statements made in his Affidavit dated 28.02.2000 are correct. He has identified his signature on the Affidavit. The Affidavit and his signature thereon have been marked Exhibits 185 and 185/1 respectively. Two letters dated 30.03.1997 and 21.08.1999 from Col. Hugh Toye have been marked Exhibits 186 and 187 respectively.

Shri Dulal Nandy has been examined as CW 107. One letter written by Leela Roy has been marked Exhibit 188.

A note stated to be from Bhagwanji has been marked Exhibit 189, a 14-page note, a 6-page note and a 34-page note in an exercise book of Shri Dulal Nandy have been marked Exhibits 190, 190 (a) and 190 (b) respectively. A 12-page note stated to be of Bhagwanji has been marked Exhibit 191 and two envelopes and one card containing handwritings of Bhagwanji have been collectively marked Exhibit 192.

Status Report

The parties and / or their lawyers have been heard in respect of the Status Report as on 09.07.2003.

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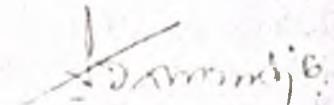
Shri Subrata Bose (JMCI/27/2000) referring to paragraph 10 of the Status Report requested the Commission to write to the American Embassies and Consulates in India to get an access to the records regarding Subhas Chandra Bose with them

He also referred to paragraph 16 (a) of the Status Report and stated that an exhaustive search should be made to unearth the classified and declassified documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose maintained in different archives referred to therein. He further requested the Commission to go to the Russian Federation for the purpose.

Dr. Madhusudan Pal (JMCI/14) requested the Commission for the Anthropological evaluation of the remains alleged to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple in Japan.

Already the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, has been requested to take up the matter of getting an access to the records regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the archives in USA.

The suggestions of Shri Subrata Bose and Dr. Madhusudan Pal would be considered at the appropriate stage.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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September 3, 2003

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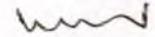
Subject : Status Report from 01.08.2003 to 31.08.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No I/12014/I/2000-IS(D III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,


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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.08.2003 to 31.08.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.07.2003 to 31.07.2003 forwarded by the Commission to all concerned for taking necessary action at their respective ends..
2. There has been no further development in respect of the matters stated in -
 - (i) para 3 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003;
 - (ii) para 11(a), (b), and (d) of the Status Report for the period from 01.05.2003 to 31.05.2003; and
 - (iii) Paras 8 and 9 of the Status Report for the period from 01.06.2003 to 30.06.2003.
3. The documents referred to at Serial Nos.(ii),(iii),(iv),(v) and (vi) of para 2 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-IS dated 13.11.2002 of the Cabinet Secretariat and mentioned in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(iv)/39 dated April 28, 2003 addressed to the Director (SI-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are yet to be received. The reply given by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India by their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V(NCB) Vol. III dated August 6, 2003 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission answers the query raised by the Commission in its aforesaid letter dated April 28, 2003 but does not furnish the documents sought for therein.
4. Regarding the matter of para 15 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003 the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has sent a copy of the I.D. Note No.3/23/95/P-1 dated 02.01.2003 with their letter No. 2/5(10)2002-F(S) dated July 31, 2003 wherein it is stated inter alia that they "have not been able to find any recorded material or otherwise, which could throw light on the query"

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made in the Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/Records/99-2000/37(III)/359 dated October 3, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

5. Apropos para 5 of the Status Report for June, 2003, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has sent their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V(NCB) (Pt.) dated 23.07.2003 which does not specifically state about the availability / non-availability of the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 read with its letter No. JMCI/11/2000/15 dated April 11, 2003, both addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
6. In the matters concerning D.N.A. tests of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple as stated in para 3 of the Status Report from 01.07.2003 to 31.07.2003 the Ministry of Home Affairs in their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V(NCB)Vol.IV dated August 13, 2003 sent by Fax has stated inter alia : "Decision regarding holding of anthropological evaluation for determining the feasibility of DNA test and selection of experts for the purpose fall within the purview of the JMCI and appropriate decisions have to be taken by it. A formal meeting in MHA with MEA and other Ministries/Departments to decide such matters is not considered necessary",, and the Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated August 4, 2003 has stated inter alia : ".....we would request the Commission to select an Indian and a Japanese D.N.A. expert to enable this Ministry to facilitate the process with the help of our Embassy in Tokyo". It is also stated in the said d.o. letter dated August 4, 2003 : "Shri Atlab Seth, Ambassador of India in Tokyo informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purposeAmbassador Seth sought Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert". The particulars and the credentials of the DNA expert said to have been identified by the Ambassador of India in Tokyo have not been communicated to the Commission either by the Ministry of External Affairs or by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

7. The specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the first bunch of the documents containing a number of questioned handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad have been made over to the third handwriting expert on August 28, 2003 for necessary comparison of those two sets of handwritings.
8. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/207 dated August 18, 2003 sent by FAX as well as Speed Post, the Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, has been requested to kindly keep scientifically preserved for sometime more in his Laboratory the blood samples and the specimens sent to him earlier by the Commission for D.N.A. tests lest it is decided by the Commission to get a second opinion on this issue.
9. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/206 dated August 18, 2003 the Secretary, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and by Registered letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/200 dated August 13, 2003, the Chief Executive, Forensic Science Service, U.K., have been requested to let the Commission know inter alia about the feasibility of the D.N.A. tests on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple, Japan. The nature and extent of the said mortal remains were also intimated to them in a nutshell. The replies are awaited from the said addressees.
10. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated July 15, 2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission sent a copy of the reply dated May 22, 2003 addressed to the Counsellor (Political), High Commission of India, London, by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, which states inter alia : "Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle,because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In

addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

I am sorry that I am not able to say anything more helpful on this."

11. It is reiterated that the original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, as called for from the Government of Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through its Embassy in Japan, are yet to be received by the Commission or made accessible to it.
12. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg as mentioned to be sent to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-VII.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, is yet to be received by the Commission.
13. In the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated June 27, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it is mentioned inter alia that the requisite information regarding availability of relevant documents is awaited from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Ireland. Further development in the matter is awaited by the Commission. The report regarding availability of relevant documents in all the remaining archives of the Russian Federation and of the ceded States which erstwhile belonged to the USSR and an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation are yet to be received.
14. Summons have been issued to the seven witnesses who are likely to be examined by the Commission at the time of its hearing scheduled for September 16, 2003 starting at 11.00 a.m. and the Notice of the said hearing has been issued to all concerned.

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15. Correspondence is being made by the Commission directly with the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei as also with the Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Communication, Government of India of Taiwan regarding availability of the official documents with them concerning the alleged crash on August 18, 1945 at Taipei of the plane allegedly carrying Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and others. Their replies in confirmation of their alleged e-mail letters to Shri Anuj Dhar, a Journalist, on the aforesaid point, are still awaited.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Yours faithfully,

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STATUS REPORT
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1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.06.2003 to 30.06.2003 forwarded under Commission's registered letter No JMCI/Stat Rept./99-2000/33A(II)/150(7)/dated July 07, 2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in -
 - (i) paras 3 and 15 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
 - (ii) Para 11 of the Status Report for the period from 01.05.2003 to 31.05.2003, and
 - (iii) Paras 3, 8, 9 of the Status Report for the period from 01.06.2003 to 30.06.2003.
3. As far back as on 10.04.2003 the Commission wrote to the Ministry of Home Affairs (sent by Speed Post) with a copy of the same endorsed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (sent by Registered Post), requesting them for taking necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests done (for taking the next steps of D.N.A. tests) on the alleged said mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple, Tokyo. Copies of the earlier correspondence made by the Commission with different authorities including some Indian and Foreign D.N.A. experts were furnished along with its aforesaid letter dated April 10, 2003 to those authorities.

The issue was also discussed with Mr. Kalra, Director (IS), and Mr. Zuba, Desk Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on July 4, 2003 when they came to the office of the Commission in Kolkata to sort out long pending matters. Mr. Kalra proposed a meeting of a representative of the Commission with the competent Officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, and other Ministry/Departments concerned of the Government of India, to find out ways and means for holding the above tests. A reminder was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India by Commission's letter No. 83/173 dated 23.07.2003 (sent by Speed Post) and a copy thereof was endorsed to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (sent by Registered Post). No reply has yet been received to the Commission's aforesaid letter dated April 10, 2003 and the proposed meeting referred to hereinbefore is yet to be fixed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. In this regard, the Commission's note for possible supplementary in respect of Rajya Sabha "Provisional Admitted" DY. No.5563 tabled by Shri P. Prabhakar Reddy for answer on 06.08.2003 regarding mortal remains of Netaji sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on 31.07.2003 by FAX and Speed Post, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, may be referred to.

4. Apropos para 5 of the Status Report for June, 2003, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has sent their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V(NCB) (Pt.) dated 23.07.2003 received by the Commission on 28.07.2003 which appears to be not specific about availability or non-availability of the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 read with its letter No. JMCI/11/2000/15 dated April 11, 2003, both addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
5. An affidavit sworn by Mr. Rakesh, Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on June 27, 2003 was filed before the Commission on July 4, 2003 regarding the contents of para 6 of the Status Report for June, 2003. The Hon'ble Chairman has been pleased to order that no further action on the affidavit is called for.

6. Apropos para 14 of the Status Report for June, 2003, Shri P. N. Chakravarty, Senior Research Officer of the Commission has perused the papers kept in five file covers as also the Micro-films of 12 files of the Cabinet Secretariat at the time of his visit to New Delhi in the middle of July, 2003.
7. The report of the second handwriting expert regarding comparison of the handwriting allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad with admitted specimen handwriting of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been received by the Commission on July 22nd, 2003. Steps are being taken to get the aforesaid handwritings examined by a third handwriting expert.
8. Regarding the matter stated in para 15 of the Status Report for June, 2003, the Commission has received a d.o. reply bearing No 25/4/NGO-Pol IX(i) dated July 15, 2003 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, enclosing a copy of the letter dated June 23, 2003 from the Deputy Chief of the Mission, Embassy of the United States of America, which are being examined by the Commission.
9. Regarding para 16 of the Status Report for June, 2003, the Ministry of Home Affairs has endorsed to the Commission their No.I-12014/13/2000-NCB dated July 28, 2003 enclosing therewith the reports of the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Secretariat (Rashtrapati Bhavan), the Ministry of Defence (History Division), and the Ministry of External Affairs, which indicate that the photographs called for by the Commission are not available with them. The Ministry of Home Affairs have already stated in their aforesaid Memo dated June 6, 2003 that they could not find the said photographs inspite of their vigorous efforts to trace them out. The National Archives has recently sent a report to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter with a copy thereof endorsed to the Commission which states that those photographs are not available with the National Archives of India.
10. The original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the

name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, as called for from the Government of Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, through its Embassy in Japan, are yet to be received by the Commission or made accessible to it.

11. (a) By d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-VolIX dated June 27, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been reported inter alia that the issue of declassification of all relevant British documents is being pursued; that under the provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only by giving specific details of the documents; that there is no relevant documents in Armenia, Turkmenistan, and Taiwan; that the requisite information regarding availability of relevant documents is awaited from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Ireland; and that German Foreign Office has conveyed that the request made to them regarding availability of relevant documents is too general in nature. By his d.o. letter of even No. dated April 22, 2003 the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has stated inter alia that no relevant documents are available in Russian State Military Archive, State Archive of Russian Federation, and Russian State Historical Archive of the Far East; and that no information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of Russian F.S.B., the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, the Manuscript Section of the Russian State Library, the Russian State Archives of Photographic Documents; and the Central State Archives of Russian Federation.
- (b) In reply to the reference made directly by the Commission, the Lithuanian New State Archives, the Lithuanian Literature and Art Archives, the Lithuanian Central State Archives and the Lithuanian Archives Departments

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have intimated by e-mails that they have no records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

II. The hearing of the Commission was held on 14.07.2003 and 15.07.2003 in the Annexe Building , Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when 4 witnesses were examined in full, one witness was further examined, and 4 witnesses did not turn up. Besides, discussion was held on the Status Report prepared for the purpose of the said hearing



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

A note for possible Supplementary

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Copies of the correspondence made by the Commission with different authorities including some Indian and Foreign D.N.A. experts have been furnished by the Commission with the Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/ 2002-2003/83/14 dated April 10, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, sent to him by Registered Post with A/D. as also furnished to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with a copy of the aforesaid letter dated April 10, 2003 of the Commission endorsed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and despatched ~~postage~~ by Registered Post with A/D. The said correspondence will show the endeavours made by the Commission in the matter after receipt of the report of joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the said mortal remains and the photographs thereof from the Embassy of India in Japan.

On the advice of Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Director, CFSL, Kolkata, the Commission also contacted Mr. Brian Smith, Director of Defense, D.N.A. Registry, USA for D.N.A. tests of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji temple, but, in response to that, Mr. Demris A. Lee, Technical Director, AFDLL, to whom the request of the Commission was forwarded by Mr. Brian Smith, has regretted their inability to accept the case of the Commission now, for their preoccupation with identifying the service men and women from the Operation Iraqi Freedom. Commission is now contemplating to inquire of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the Forensic Science Service, U.K., whether they can provide the services required by the Commission for the intended D.N.A. tests.

Positive reply has been received in the matter only from Mr. Terry Milton ^{of the U.S.A.} who has stipulated the pre-condition that "a anthropological evaluation of

of the remains including photography will be required by him before proceeding for D.N.A. tests on the said mortal remains.

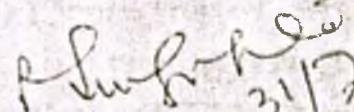
It is not clear to the Commission whether or not the Japanese would allow to take a part of the said mortal remains as samples for the purpose of anthropological and other scientific tests thereof.

- (1) If the Japanese allow taking out of the required samples of the said mortal remains, the following questions would arise :
 - (i) Who would draw the representative samples ?
 - (ii) Where and by whom the anthropological evaluation and other scientific tests prior to D.N.A. tests could be arranged ?
 - (iii) If the D.N.A. tests of the said mortal remains are found to be feasible, where and by whom the required D.N.A. tests thereof could be done ?
- (2) If the Japanese refuse to part with the samples of the said mortal remains, then the questions would arise :
 - (i) Whether delivery of the entire mortal remains should be taken from the Renkoji temple ?
 - (ii) If so, whether the said mortal remains would be brought to India before drawal of the samples or after drawal of the samples therefrom for the purpose of ascertaining feasibility of D.N.A. tests ?
 - (iii) How the residual part of the said mortal remains is to be dealt with, i.e. where, how and under whose care and protection

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the residual part of the said mortal remains would be preserved till completion of the D.N.A. tests after the feasibility of holding D.N.A. tests is established.

Diametrically opposite public opinions exist regarding the genuineness or otherwise of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple. Besides, handling of the said mortal remains appears to be a very sensitive issue to many Indians and Japanese and the said issue also appears to have some socio-political ramifications. Notwithstanding all these, the Commission strongly feels that all the ^{required} scientific evaluations and tests are ~~required~~ to be done without any further loss of time in the interest of proper inquiry of the Commission.


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(P.K. Sengupta)
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry



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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 24, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

We have seen press reports appearing on September 17, 2003 (copies enclosed), wherein references have been made to the disclosure by Chairman, JMCI about a communication purported to have been received from Taiwan's "Minister of Transport and Communication" indicating that it had no records of a plane crash from 14 August 1945 to October 1945.

2. We shall be grateful if full details of the communication received from the Taiwanese side are provided to this Ministry. It is also requested that any information required to be obtained from Taiwan, may be referred to this Ministry. We do not recognise 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan' and hence we do not have any official dealings with them.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam
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To,

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 23, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

We have seen press reports appearing on September 17, 2003 (copies enclosed), wherein references have been made to the disclosure by Chairman, JMCI about a communication purported to have been received from Taiwan's "Minister of Transport and Communication" indicating that it had no records of a plane crash from 14 August 1945 to October 1945.

2. We shall be grateful if full details of the communication received from the Taiwanese side are provided to this Ministry. It is also requested that any information required to be obtained from Taiwan may be ~~sought~~ referred to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

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New twist to Netaji story, no records of plane crash

KOLKATA: In a stunning disclosure, Taiwan's Minister of Transport and Communication had sent an "e-mail reply to Justice M K Mukherjee Commission in the first week of September this year saying that it had no records of a plane crash from 14th August 1945 to October 1945".

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Earlier, UK Government informed the Commission that all documents so far declassified could be shown to the panel, which they did last year when the Commission

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No record of plane crash, Taiwan tells Netaji panel

SANTANU BANERJEE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 16

IN A stunning disclosure, Taiwan's Minister of Transport and Communication had sent an "e-mail reply to Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission, inquiring into the "alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after the reported air crash in Taipei on 18th August 1945, in the first week of September this year saying that it had no records of a plane crash from 14th August 1945 to October 1945".

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September 05, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi – 110 001

Sir,

Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

I am directed to invite your attention to a news item captioned " Govt. to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test " published in the Delhi edition of the Statesman of Saturday, October 28, 1995(by-line Subrata Sen of the Statesman News Service). A copy of the Statesman was filed before this Commission by Sri Surya Kumar Basu, a deponent, along with his affidavit no. JMCI/30.

From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

Paragraph three of the news further discloses that the Ministry of External Affairs would form a Committee to ascertain whether the ashes kept in the said temple were those of Netaji or not and that such a Committee would be comprised of the members from the CBI., the DNA Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Govt. of Japan, DNA experts from the USA and the UK and members of Netaji's family. It further appears therefrom that two renowned DNA experts namely, Dr. Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK had already been consulted and both of them reportedly said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

I am now directed to request you to let the Commission know what actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Govt. of India to opt for DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc.

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I am directed to invite your notice to the series of correspondence of the Commission with your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the Commission's decision to have DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji, if it is found feasible after necessary scientific tests and evaluation. You are definitely aware that on examination of the urn allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji by two senior officials of the Embassy of India in Japan at the behest of the Commission it was found that the said urn contained some bones and bone fragments. The Centre For DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, were approached for DNA tests of the alleged ashes containing bones and bone fragments, but the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology informed their inability to conduct DNA tests in the absence of essential infrastructure for such tests. Thereafter some DNA scientists of the UK, the USA and Germany were contacted. From the opinion of some of them it appears that mitochondrial DNA tests may be possible after ascertaining the feasibility of separating DNA by conducting necessary scientific tests and evaluation. Now that the news in the Statesman discloses that as early as in 1995 the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, decided to form a Committee consisting of DNA experts from the USA and the UK, members from CBI and the DNA Testing Laboratory and others for ascertaining by DNA tests whether the alleged ashes were those of Netaji or not, I am directed to request you to make available the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the CBI and the DNA experts named in the third paragraph of the said report, namely Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, to the Commission so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay.

As the matter is extremely urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

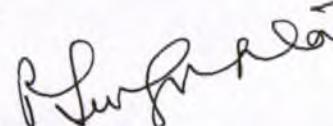
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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

DELHI, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1995

(Including The Saturday Statesman)

Govt to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test

SUBRATA SEN

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27. — The Union Government has decided to opt for DNA testing of Netaji's "ashes" kept in Tokyo before taking a decision to bring it back to India with full honours during Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth centenary next year.

The controversy that shrouds Netaji's death has necessitated that the Union Government should first go for a scientific test to prove that the ashes kept at Renkoji temple in Tokyo are those of Netaji. The Government of Japan has agreed to cooperate with India in this respect and has informed that a tooth of Netaji is preserved with the ashes, which can be used for the requisite DNA tests.

According to sources in the Ministry of External Affairs, to ascertain whether the ashes kept in Tokyo are those of Netaji, a committee will be formed com-

prising members from the CBI, DNA testing laboratory of Hyderabad, the Government of Japan and DNA experts from the USA and U.K. Members of Netaji's family will also be included in the committee to avoid any further controversy on the subject. Two renowned DNA experts — Dr. Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salter of the U.K. — had already been consulted and both of them have said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

Incidentally, the remains of Czar Nicholas II, who died in 1917, was verified recently from the remains of bones with DNA samples matched with the Duke of Edinburgh, who is a direct descendant from the mother's side. The Ministry of External Affairs, going by the DNA test of the last Czar, has asked one nephew of Netaji from the mother's side to cooperate in the

DNA testing.

Meanwhile, sources said, the Ministry of External Affairs was trying to collect all information regarding the controversial death theory in a plane crash, which was never believed by a section of Indian population. The authenticity of the ashes has been doubted by many historians too.

According to Ministry sources, the Japan Government way back in 1956, gave it in writing to the Government of India that the ashes were genuinely those of Netaji's, but India did not react to the confidential report to avoid any political controversy.

The controversy regarding Netaji's "death" mainly arose because the British Intelligence always doubted the "death theory" and even said that Netaji might be hiding somewhere in the erstwhile USSR. Several British Parliamentarians, quoting intelligence reports, have



made statements in Parliament on the subject, thereby creating doubts about his "death".

However, with the Moscow archives being opened after the fall of Communism, some more information has come to light. A team from the Asiatic Society, after having studied the Archives records, has come to the conclusion that Netaji never visited the

country after 1945. The Union Government is likely to request the Russian Government to issue a statement in this respect.

To confirm the "death theory", the Ministry of External Affairs has also obtained a statement from Mr. Habibur Rahman, who was aide-de-camp of Netaji in INA, and believed to have accompanied Netaji in the aircraft. Officials have traced Mr. Rahman in Pakistan, and obtained his version of the "accident".

According to Mr. Rahman, there was a plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, as a result of which Netaji died. The small aircraft was coming from Saigon (now in Vietnam) to Taihoku to refuel and one of the engines caught fire. While Mr. Rahman had a miraculous escape after the crash, Netaji's khaki cotton military dress caught fire while he was trying to escape through the emergency exit. "Netaji came out like

a ball of fire from the aircraft," according to Mr. Rahman. Netaji was taken to the Army Field Hospital at Taihoku, where he died.

Mr. Rahman has also informed that he had the spectacles and one tooth of Netaji, which he deposited at the Tokyo Netaji memorial.

According to the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, the Government would not like to bring back the ashes without being sure of its authenticity. Meanwhile, he has visited Renkoji temple in Tokyo on September 8 with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Salman Haidar and met several INA members who live in the temple. Mr. Mukherjee, during his recent trip to the U.N., also went to Germany to talk to Netaji's wife Emilie Boe and his daughter Anita, who have supported the idea of bringing the ashes to India.



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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 23, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/ 2002/432, dated November 27, 2002 requesting for obtaining original documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, from the Government of Japan. We have received a response in this regard from our Mission in Tokyo.

2. After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission in Tokyo, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has responded in the matter through a written communication, conveying that they have not been able to trace the document (Cremation Permit) sought by the JMCI. A copy of the communication received from the Government of Japan in this connection is enclosed for the information of the Commission.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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To

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September 11, 2003

Dear Vijay,

This refers to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated January 1, 2003 enclosing a letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry. The letter from the Hon'ble Commission had directed the Embassy to get in touch with the Government of Japan and request for documents in original relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. After repeated reminders for many months we have finally obtained a communication in writing from the Southwest Asia Division of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying that they could not trace the document (Cremation Permit) sought by the Hon'ble Commission. A copy of the letter received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan is placed below for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Commission.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

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Reply forwarded
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Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
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New Delhi.
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10th September 2003

Mr. Ramesh Chander
Counsellor(Pol&Cons)
Embassy of India, Tokyo

Dear Mr. Chander,

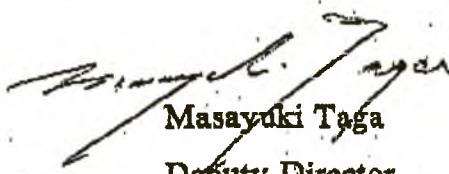
With reference to your letter dated 31 July 2003, I would like to inform you present state as follows.

We have tried our best to find out in our old files a copy of the document (relating "Cremation Permit") required by Justice Mukherjee. However, we are not able to find it so far. You may understand how difficult it is to find out nearly half a century old documents.

If Justice Mukherjee has further specific enquiry, please let us know. We will try our best to cooperate for his effort.

Please convey my best regards to Justice Mukherjee.

Sincerely yours,



Masayuki Taga

Deputy Director

Southwest Asia Division

Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 23, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

We are forwarding herewith a sealed cover received from our Mission in Tokyo, containing a CD-ROM- with stored digital copies of eight photographs of the contents of the casket alleged to contain the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The photographs-which had been taken by officials of the Mission on the instructions of the JMCI, were earlier sent to JMCI by the Mission on November 12, 2002. Our Mission has clarified that negatives of the photographs are not available as these were taken with the aid of a digital camera.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Vijay

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The Commission has now requested for negatives of the photographs. The photographs however were taken with the aid of a digital camera and hence there are no negatives in the possession of this Mission. We have however digital copies of the eight photographs which are being forwarded on a CD ROM accompanying this letter. Since the Hon'ble Commission has probably asked for the negatives keeping in mind the imperative to keep the photographs as confidential documents of the Hon'ble Commission, the CD ROM is being sent under seal and may be forwarded to the Hon'ble Commission without breaking the seal. The Embassy has stored the digital photographs as classified documents in the Political Section.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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September 23, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to my letter of September 12, 2003 regarding materials procured by our Mission in Washington relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. Our Mission in Washington has forwarded the set of materials received from the Princeton University Library, alongwith the forwarding letter of Special Collections Assistant of the Library. These are enclosed herewith for the information of the Commission.

3. As regards Ericson's article on Netaji in the 'National Republic', our Mission has also informed that it is pursuing the matter separately with Ms. Mary George of Princeton and the Library of Congress to provide a copy. We shall keep you updated on the result of these efforts.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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September 5, 2003

Dear Ms. Ghanashyam,

Reference the materials for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry. I am forwarding the materials received from the Princeton University Library which were earlier sent to Sh. Sengupta, Secretary of the Enquiry Commission. I am also enclosing the forwarding letter received from the Special Collections Assistant of the Library for your perusal.

About Ericson's article on Netaji in the National Republic, I am again trying to pursue Ms. Mary George of Princeton to provide a copy. At the same time, I have already requested the Library of Congress in Washington DC if they could locate a copy of the said article in their collection, and give us at the earliest.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Subhakanta Behera" or a similar variation.

(Dr. S.K. Behera)

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Dear Dr. Behera,

Mary George forwarded your inquiry of August 18 concerning Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, which holds the Louis Fischer Papers.

As you can see from the enclosed correspondence, I sent the Sri Sengupta, Secretary of the Justice Mukherjee Commission the following materials in October, 2000: a copy of a letter from Khurshed Naroji to Louis Fischer dated 22/7/1946, which contains a reference to "Bose", and notes that Louis Fischer made about a conversation held on 15/11/1946 with Pietro Quaroni, Italian ambassador in Moscow, about Bose's possible whereabouts. I am happy to send you this information again.

I understand from your letter that you are hoping to find more information about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose among the Louis Fischer papers. However, I am afraid that we do not hold any more correspondence between Fischer and Naroji than the letter enclosed, which also contains a hand written copy of a letter from Gandhi. The few letters exchanged between Fischer and Gandhi in 1942-1948 do not contain any references to Bose, and neither did I find any such references in the correspondence with the British prime ministers Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee, or with President Franklin Roosevelt. The letters to Churchill, Attlee, and Roosevelt merely concern Fischer's own political views about Indian independence and his attempts to exercise any influence in this matter. The Louis Fischer papers contain much information about India and the independence movement. However, I do not recall coming across any other information about Bose when processing the collection. For your information, we do have the finding aid to the Louis Fischer Papers online at http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/finding_aids/fischer.html.

As to your other request, a copy of an article of Elliot Ericson about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the *National Republic* (1954), I am afraid that the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library does not have this periodical. Mary George is the librarian of the Forrestal Annex, where the magazine is held, and will deal with this request separately.

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I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Helene van Rossum
Special Collections Assistant

c.c. Mary George

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October 5, 2000

Sri P. K. Sengupta
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Dear Mr. Sengupta:

Enclosed are photocopies of material contained in the Louis Fischer Papers at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University. You will find the following items:

- (1) A six-page letter from Khurshed Naroji to Louis Fischer dated 22/7/1946, which contains a reference to "Bose." Attached to this letter is a copy that Naroji made of a letter from Gandhi to himself dated 15/7/1946.
- (2) Notes that Louis Fischer made of a conversation held on 15/11/1946 with Pietro Quaroni, Italian ambassador in Moscow since 1944, in which "Subash Chandre Bose's" movements are described.

I have not come across any other references to Mr. Bose in the Louis Fischer Papers, which are currently being organized.

Yours sincerely,

Helene Van Rossum
Project Archivist

22/7/46
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Dear Fisher -

I enclose a copy of
Gandhi's letter as desired by
you. But please don't think
that he is not with us.

I have been with him since
my release from prison & he
put the Constitution Program
before the country which was
only backed by the Working
Committee when they decided on
constitutional methods.

Since the release of his colleague
of the Working Comm. he has gone
with them but they were not
prepared to go with him but
Gandhi is essentially a man
of action & when the time

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comes, he will take the country with him.

The Socialists are merely implementing the Constitutional Programme in the light of present circumstances. We must go down the people & forgotten mass sanction. The people want to know the shape of things to come. Grouping of the provinces or the question of sovereignty does not touch ~~the~~ ^{them} people, they want a plan. Let our leaders go to the York sponsored Constituent Assembly with the people to share their joys & sorrows. When the time comes we shall

be on.

The socialist do not want violence
any more than does Gandhiji but
what is practised now is violence
we say non-violence. We have to
put non-violence into practice
not just go talking of trill swaraj.
People want deeds & not words.
For twenty years we've talked to
the colonial Govt & the practice
stays for us today is Panchayat
Raj. Our people are very patriotic
but even their practice is
marrying this.

All Congress & nationalist minded
people are one but our trouble
is the Indo-Anglo-Russian. The
foreign Govt has built them

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up to fight the Germans we'll have to deal with them now. They are going underground if before the time the Allies (excluding Russia) have a scrap with Soviet Russia, India is not satisfied with the results of the Constituent Assembly, she will go over entirely absolutely to the enemies of the Allies. The Indian army (not the Indian National Army) is no longer of the same temper as it was in the first world war. Besides the disaffection amongst the Indian Spies & the rank file, a revolutionary group has been working amongst them they are pro Russian. There have been many cases of court martial on individuals & p

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during the last war both in India
abroad. There have been mass
desertions in the regular army
+ minor revolts in the N.W.F. Pesh
at the beginning of the ^{last} war.
At least the Indian army is equal
with the Indian National Army.
If Bose comes with the help of
Russia neither Gandhiji nor the
Congress will be able to move
with the country. Also Russia
for propaganda purposes declares
itself an Asiatic country then
there is no sign of any European
alliance acceptable to India. India
for India under the axis of Soviet
Russia is no freedom for us;
but it now just with England
to play fair by the people
of India or be declared by a
sovereign army of India + of course

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Asitics Then an other group in
North India pro Russia, but after Russia
joined the Allies she lost control.
However the bitterness towards
the English is so great that Russia
will again come into favour in
the event of any disagreement
amongst the Allies.

Friendship is not backed with
the international re-action but
we can't afford to neglect the
signs of the time especially when
it concerns our freedom.

Yours
A. K. Hirschfeld

Copy. (227) Copy of your letter
to Kasturji. 15. 7. 46

I thought you have said your letter does not need any reply, in my opinion it demands one.

I see that your a himsa ~~for~~ an ~~for~~ jobs as under. I have great regard for Jaiprakash but not for his views. Aruna allows herself to be my daughter. She is a brave woman. But views like hers would like the paupers to further starve & die. That I commended the names so others to go attention was not because of their views but inspite of them, in the hope

that responsibility under I would
show them the error of their way
But they chose the opposite course
I shall now watch their course.
They are all a power.

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I shall hug my darkness,
not their light. There is therefore
nearly any chance of my following
them.

I wish you well. May God be
your protection & guidance.

I write this to make my position
clear. I love you too well to keep
you in the dark about it. You
I wish I have misunderstood you
you had made your position
clear the other day when you
met me for half a minute. Your
letter under reply convinces the more



Yours, you are as
liberty to have this
to our Socialist friend

Nov. 15, 1946. Dinner Hotel Plaza. Pietro Quaroni.

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Career diplomat, regards himself anti-fusion socialist. In Italian Embas
in Moscow 1925-28; ambassador in Moscow since 1944... "The most moral forc
in Russia today is the church"... He has gone several times to a church in
Moscow where the priest is a former assistant professor of physics in the
Leningrad Institute. The church announced the opening of a Theological
Seminary in Moscow for the teaching of sixty priests. Eight hundred appli
Two hundred had to be accepted. More than half were high officers of the
Red Army... A priest came to Moscow from the Balkans with a Southern
Patriarch. He was a christ-like figure. He looked up an old priest-frien
and talked with him in his apartment. A young woman who was a Komsomolka
listened and when he left she ran after him to the courtyard and ~~said~~ ^{said} she had never heard such idealistic conversation in her whole life.
Later she asked him to baptize her, which he did... Anti-semitism growing
rapidly. Jews ~~were~~ connect it with the growth of national
No Jews in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. No Jews in the school for
diplomats. More and more Jews being dismissed from the Ministry of Foreig
Trade where he goes on business. Jews fear pogrom. Many Russian Jews wan
to leave. I asked him how he knew this, how Russian Jews would dare to
tell him. He said there are over a hundred thousand Jews exiled from Pola
to Russia who are now trying to leave Russia and they come to the Italian
embassy for visas. With them come Russian Jews. Most of the Polish Jews
want to go to America. They are afraid of trouble in Palestine.

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Nov. 15, 1946. Dinner Hotel Pierre. Pietro Quaroni.

In 1933 Subash Chandre Bose came to Rome and saw Mussolini. B. asked that some Italian official be sent to India to keep in touch with their movement. That is when Q. first met B. in Rome. In 1936 Q. was sent to Kabul as Minister (he was opposed to the Abyssinian campaign and was sent to Kabul as punishment). Q. visited India in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Each time he saw Gandhi, Nehru, Bose, Jinnah, Patel, Rajaji and other Indians.. After Bose was arrested by the British in Calcutta in 1939 his friends wrote to Q. in Kabul saying that B. wanted to go to Russia, Germany and Italy, and asked for help. An Indian doctor who was a member of the Forward Bloc, but whom the British did not know as such, examined Bose in prison and reported that B. was too sick to stay in jail. He was released on parole, and plans were made for his escape. Q. arranged with Afjana to use tribesmen to get B. across the frontier. The tribesmen knew B. and were friendly to him. The tribesmen used were Mohmands. B. had grown a beard and mustache. He arrived in Kabul in February 1940, and stayed secretly in Q.'s house for more than a month until he left for Russia. B. had read "Mein Kampf" but he did not understand Hitler. He accepted at face value what Hitler had written about the liberation of colonies. He thought there was real friendship between Stalin and Hitler and that they would agree to liberate Asiatic countries on Leninist lines. He wanted to create a free Indian government in Berlin and wanted to unite in it all Indians who were abroad and some who might be smuggled out of India. He expected to get into touch with the Indian prisoners in Italy and to form a Free India army. B. was anxious to get a joint public declaration signed by the German, Italian, Russian and Japanese governments in favor of full independence for India... Bose waited more than a month in Kabul for his Soviet visa. The Russians could not make up their minds to admit him. Finally the German minister in Kabul asked Berlin to intercede in Moscow. The Russians did not want him in Russia. After Bose passed through Russia Q. in Kabul received a telegram from Rossac, the Italian ambassador in Moscow, that Bose had not seen any Russians in Russia. He was in Moscow for a few hours between trains. He traveled from Termez to Moscow by train and then from Moscow to Berlin by train. In Moscow Bose met somebody from the Italian embassy. While Bose was in Kabul his idea was to establish contact between Q. and the Forward Bloc in Calcutta. He expected that after he had set up his Free India government in Berlin or Rome it would send messages to Kabul and Q. would then get them in to India. But in Berlin B. got a flat refusal from Hitler. Q. believes that Hitler hoped until the end to come to an understanding with England and to neutralize England in the war... Q. was told that B. got to Japan by German submarine. But, he says, it is also possible that he flew from Rangoon to Burma in 1943 by Italian plane. I remarked that it was a very long distance but he said that he had heard that ten such flights were made... Q. thinks that it is possible that B. is still alive. He was friendly to Chiang Kai-shek. The report was that he was killed flying from Japan to Formosa. But Q. says that B. might have been on his way to China and might have got there but did not want the British to look for him so the false rumor of his death was circulated. Q. says Bose may be biding his time for a return to India. (In Kabul Q.'s wife took photographs of Q. and B. which he has in Moscow. He may send them to me.)



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 12, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Vol II)/152, dated July 08, 2003 regarding correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, General MacArthur and President Truman relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. Documents relating to the above, which were procured by our Mission in Washington, were forwarded to the JMCI vide Ministry's letter dated 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX, dated May 7, 2003. Our Mission has sought to know whether any other material is required in addition to what has already been sent, so that the matter can be taken up afresh with the concerned authorities in the United States. A copy of the Mission's letter dated August 18, 2003 in this connection is enclosed for your information.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Rghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

August 18, 2003

Dear Mrs. Ghanashyam,

(Sno. 155)

Reference your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX of July 29, 2003 regarding the materials for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry. As requested by you, I have taken up the issue with the Princeton University Library as well as the Library of Congress.

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However, earlier vide my letters of even number dated April 8 & 10, I had forwarded the materials to Shri Vijay Gokhale, former JS pertaining to correspondences between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Netaji Subhash Bose. Please find out from the Commission if any other material is needed so that I will again take up the matter with the concerned libraries/archives.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Behera)

This were
forwarded
to JMC
on 7 May 2003
(Sno. 86)

Mrs. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director(CNV)
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

September 12, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to correspondence regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. As you are aware, we had taken up the matter with concerned Missions. We have received a response in this regard from our Mission in Kuala Lumpur.

2. After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission, the National Archives of Malaysia have informed that they did not find any document/ information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A copy of the letter received in this connection is enclosed herewith for the information of the Commission.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

10 September, 2003

Dear Joint Secretary,

This has reference to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 13 May 2003 addressed to the High Commissioner regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

After our repeated reminders and follow-up, we have been informed by the National Archives of Malaysia that they did not find any document/information on Netaji's Subhash Chandra Bose. They would inform if they could locate any information on him in future. A copy of the letter received in this regard is forwarded herewith for information.

With regards,

N Apls.
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V. ~~Han~~ Mahalingam
(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
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30 August 2003

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First Secretary
High Commission of India
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Off Jalan Duta
50480 KUALA LUMPUR.

Dear Sir,

Information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

I am directed to refer to your letter of 7 July 2003 regarding the above.

2. We did some research following your request on the above subject, unfortunately we did not find any document/information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Should we chance upon any information on him in the future, we will certainly write to you again.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours truly,

(YATINAH RIMUN)
for Director General
National Archives of Malaysia.

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Ambassador of India
Tashkent

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No.TAS/102/2/2002

July 31, 2003

My dear Vijay,

(Sno. 141)

Kindly refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated July 15, 2003 regarding details of archives and information therein related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We have reminded the concerned authorities once again in the matter and will follow up the issue with them. The requisite information will be sent to you as soon as it is received from the Uzbek side.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sharat Sabharwal

(Sharat Sabharwal)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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We may
await info.
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.IX (i)

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September 4, 2003

Dear Sandeep,

Please refer to my predecessor Shri Vijay Gokhale's letter of even number dated April 7 and May 13, 2003 seeking information sought by the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the archives in Ukraine.

2. The Commission has requested for expediting the required information. We would be grateful if you could have the matter looked into and send us your response at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

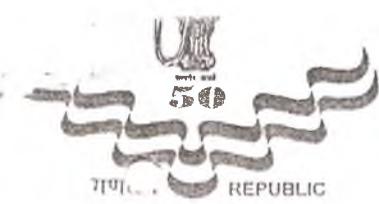
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To,

Shri Arya Sandeep,
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September 4, 2003

Dear Ambassador,

Please refer to my predecessor Shri Vijay Gokhale's letter of even number dated April 7 and May 13, 2003 seeking information sought by the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the archives in Belarus and Lithuania.

2. The Commission has requested for expediting the required information. We would be grateful if you could have the matter looked into and send us your response at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam

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To,

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NO. JMCI/Doc(For)/1999-2000/56(IV)/232.

Kolkata, dated, 28th August '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/106 dated 09.06.03 followed by a reminder dated 22.07.03 and to request you to kindly favour the Commission with the report, as solicited in the earlier letters, as expeditiously as possible on whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the archives of Belarus and Ukraine.

Have we received
any response from
the Missions?

SO (NGO)

Yours faithfully,

M.R.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Belarus
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Letters dt May 13/2003
(Sns : 96 & 97)



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D.O. No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-D(V) Vol- IV dated 4.9.2003

Dear Ms Ruchi ji

Please refer to your D.O. No.75/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 12/8/2003 regarding DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

This Ministry's views on the issues relating to DNA test are contained in the letter of even number dated 13/8/2003 addressed to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with a copy to JS(CNV) , MEA. A copy thereof is enclosed herewith for your information.

With regards


(U.KALRA)

Enclosure as above

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV)
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New Delhi

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New Delhi dated 13.8.03

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
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Kolkatta 700087.

Subject: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10/4/03 (received in this Section on 26/6/03) and reminder dated 23/7/03 on the subject noted above and to inform you as follows:-

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- (i) The JMCI had asked the Indian embassy in Japan to locate experts to ascertain the feasibility of DNA test on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The MEA had asked for the advice of MHA in the matter, which has been furnished vide our letter dated 16/6/03 and 16/7/03.
- (ii) Decision regarding holding of anthropological evaluation for determining the feasibility of DNA test and selection of experts for the purpose fall within the purview of the JMCI and appropriate decisions have to be taken by it. A formal meeting in MHA with MEA and other Ministries/Departments to decide such matters is not considered necessary.
- (iii) Once the decision is taken by JMCI, MEA may be informed. MEA has indicated that it will facilitate the visit of experts to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, Renkoji temple authorities etc. are concerned.
- (iv) If any logistic support from MHA is needed by JMCI, specific proposals for such support may be sent.

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In connection with the proposed DNA test of the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple, Tokyo, the following suggestions have been received in this Ministry from Sh. Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji research Bureau, Kolkata :-

- (a) Since these are in all probability the cremated mortal remains of one of the greatest sons of India, please ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect.
- (b) Any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world.
- (c) Proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments. The Japanese have cared for the mortal remains of our leader for 58 years while we Indians have failed to do our duty.

The Commission may like to consider the above suggestions while deciding the matter..

Yours faithfully,

U.K.
(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR
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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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Important

New Delhi dated 13.8.03

To

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Pl. examine. This letter does provide some clarity. We need to see how (a) & (b) on pg 2 are to be implemented.
Pl. JPN. a self contained note for perusal of EAM.

SO (NGO)

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Sir

Sh. H

Subject: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

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In connection with the proposed DNA test of the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple, Tokyo, the following suggestions have been received in this Ministry from Sh.Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji research Bureau, Kolkata :-

- (a) Since these are in all probability the cremated mortal remains of one of the greatest sons of India, please ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect.
- (b) Any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world.
- (c) Proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments. The Japanese have cared for the mortal remains of our leader for 58 years while we Indians have failed to do our duty.

The Commission may like to consider the above suggestions while deciding the matter..

Yours faithfully,


(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR

Copy to:

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.IX

August 26, 2003

Dear Shri Nanda,
(Enc 60)

This is with reference to my predecessor Shri Vijay Gokhale's letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated 15 July 2003 regarding references made by the Mission to the Japanese Foreign Office for making available documents relevant to the points of inquiry relating to the Justice Mukerjee Commission, including the alleged cremation permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The Commission has requested for expediting the matter. We will be grateful if the matter is followed up at your end.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

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By Regd. Post with A/D.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ CPDC/2002/86/209.

Kolkata, dated, 20th August'03.

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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly recall the matter enumerated in the last para of your d.o. letter No. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO - Vol. IX(III) dated 11.06.03 and to state that reply thereto is yet to be received.

Further I am directed to request you to kindly expedite necessary action as iterated in the aforesaid letter.

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Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Reminder to DCW, Tokyo was sent by JS(CNV) on July 15, 2003. (S. no 140)

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KANWAL SIBAL
Foreign Secretary

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

14th August, 2003

Dear Shrimati Bose,

Please refer to the issue of DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which was raised by you in the meeting of the Standing Committee.

2. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry had asked our Mission in Tokyo to requisition the services of a DNA expert for examining the feasibility of conducting a DNA test on the mortal remains of Netaji at the Renkoji Temple. On receipt of this request, our Mission identified a Japanese expert and sought our advise before going ahead with the examination of the remains. Consequently, we had approached the Ministry of Home Affairs for advise on the modalities of conducting the DNA test. The MHA reverted to us, suggesting that we depute an Indian DNA expert for examination of the mortal remains in association with the Japanese expert.

3. As the Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for all matters relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission, with the role of the MEA being that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the Commission to conduct inquiries abroad or to search for documents abroad, we had sought MHA's decision on the issue of selection of an Indian and Japanese DNA expert. The Ministry of Home Affairs have now informed us that the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. This has been communicated to the Justice Mukherjee Commission separately.

4. We remain in touch with the Ministry of Home affairs to seek their decisions on other aspects surrounding this issue.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

K Sibal
(Kanwal Sibal)

Smt. Krishna Bose,
Member of Parliament,
Chairperson, Standing Committee on External Affairs,
111, Parliament House Annexe,
New Delhi.

8/8/2003
J. S. 20/8/03

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Dear

Please refer to the issue of DNA test of the mortal remains of Netaji which ^{was} raised by you in the meeting of the Standing Committee. The position in this case is as under.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry had asked our Mission in Tokyo to requisition the services of a DNA expert for examining the feasibility of conducting a DNA test on the mortal remains of Netaji at the Renkoji Temple. Our Mission had identified a Japanese expert and sought our advise before going ahead with the examination of the remains. We had, consequently, approached the Ministry of Home Affairs to advise us on the modalities of conducting the DNA test. The MHA reverted to us suggesting that we depute an Indian DNA expert for examination of the mortal remains in association with the Japanese expert. However, as the MHA is the nodal Ministry for all matters relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission, and the role of MEA is only that of a facilitator, we had referred the matter of selection of an Indian DNA expert back to the MHA. In response, the MHA have opined that the appointment of DNA experts is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. Once this is done, this Ministry will provide the necessary facilities to the expert(s) for carrying out the requisite examination/tests of the mortal remains in Japan.

Yours sincerely,

(Kanwal Sibal)
Foreign Secretary

Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P.
Chairperson
Standing Committee on External Affairs
111, Parliament House Annexe
New Delhi



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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RUCHI GHANASHYAM
Director(CNV)

No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

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12th August, 2003

(Sno. 165)

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to our letter of even number dated 4th August, 2003 regarding the issue of DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple.

2. As you are aware, the subject matter of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerns primarily the Ministry of Home Affairs. The role of MEA is that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the Commission to make enquiries abroad or to search for documents abroad. We had, therefore, sought MHA's directives on issues pertaining to the DNA testing of the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan, that would involve decisions/instructions to be conveyed by MHA to this Ministry. As conveyed in our above mentioned letter, on the issue of selection of expert for DNA test, MHA have informed us that "the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission".

4. We have separately written to MHA to seek their decision on certain additional issues raised by this Ministry for MHA's decisions pertaining to the question of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchि Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third Floor),
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Secret

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RUCHI GHANASHYAM
Director(CNV)

No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

12th August, 2003

Dear Shri Rakesh,

(S.no. 169)

Please refer to your letter No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 16th July, 2003 regarding the selection of appropriate DNA expert for conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo.

2. As communicated by your above mentioned letter, we have intimated to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry that the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

3. Meanwhile, we would request you to respond to the other issues raised by former JS(CNV) in our letter of even number dated 24th June, 2003. As highlighted in the above mentioned letter, the subject matter of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerns primarily the Ministry of Home Affairs. The role of the MEA is that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the Commission to conduct inquiries abroad or to search for documents abroad. MEA would, therefore, request MHA's clear decisions and instructions on whether the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan is to be subjected to DNA analysis, the manner in which it is to be done and other such issues which involve policy decision that is not within the purview of this Ministry. An early reply is solicited.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary(S),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi.

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NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001

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Dated 16.7.03

(GP)

D.O.No.I/12014/13/2000-NEB

Dear Shri Gokhale

S.NO.128/c (F/E)

Please refer to your D.O No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 24.6.03 regarding the selection of appropriate DNA expert for conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple, Tokyo.

2. In this context, it may be pointed out that the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. The Commission had requested the Embassy of India, Tokyo to provide certain information in this regard and the Indian Ambassador had written to the Ministry of External Affairs vide his D.O. letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated 28.1.03. Vide your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dt. 6.2.03, you had requested us to furnish the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs so that the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo could be advised accordingly. Vide your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated 26.3.03, you had informed the Commission that the Commission would be informed as soon as the advice of MHA is available.

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S.NO.21/c (F/B)

S.NO.55/c (F/C)

S.NO.127/c (F/D)

3. Since the selection of experts for DNA test is to be done by the Commission, it will be appropriate if a suitable reply is sent to the Commission by the MEA/Indian Embassy, Tokyo. Our advice in the matter has already been furnished vide our letter dt.16.6.03. Based on the decision of the Commission regarding DNA experts further action can be taken.

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Yours sincerely,

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(RAKESH)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV),
South Block,
New Delhi.

By Regd. Post with A.D.

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NO. JMCH/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70
(Vol.II)/188.

Kolkata, dated, 5th August '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS, (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the suggestion given in the third para of the letter dated 23.06.03 of Dy. Chief of Mission, Embassy of the U.S.A. enclosed to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 15.07.03 and to request you to kindly send particulars of some suitable willing Indian Scholars or students of post graduate class preferably of Law/ History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remunerations, for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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NO. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70
(Vol.II)/187.

Kolkata, dated, 5th August' 03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/621 dated 01.04.03 wherewith the Commission's letter, addressed to Prof. I.N.Komorov , one of two Russian witnesses suggested by Dr. P. Roy, was also sent with the request to cause delivery thereof to the addressee by the Indian Embassy in Russia and to request you to kindly let the Commission know as expeditiously as possible the fate of the said letter addressed to Prof. I.N. Komorov.

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Yours faithfully,
M.Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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NO. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceeding(Follow-Up)/
99-2000/48(IV)/179.

Kolkata, dated. 29th July' 03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

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To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the endorsement to the Secretary of the Commission of your D.O. Letter No. 25/4/NGO- Vol. IX (I) dated 11.06.03 addressed to Shri Ravi Bangar, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Singapore and to request you to kindly keep the Commission informed of the result of the inquiry about the alleged existence of an INA office still functioning in Singapore and availability of the documents, if any, under the custody or control of the Government of Singapore, relating to the terms of reference of the Commission, as mentioned in para 2 of the aforesaid d.o. letter.

NA pls.

Yours faithfully,

SD(NAO)

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(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Reply received from
on Mission in Singapore
has already been passed on to JMCI.

For info-pls.

G.Sen Dir(CPR)

Thanks. Rg/4/8
SD(NAO)



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.IX

August 4, 2003

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Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the issue of DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple.

2. Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Parliament for External Affairs had separately written to the Ambassador of India in Tokyo to ensure that proper respect is shown to Netaji's mortal remains and that the best expert be chosen for the DNA testing. In January 2003, Shri Aftab Seth, Ambassador of India in Tokyo informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purpose. In the background of observations made by Smt Krishna Bose, Ambassador Seth sought Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and whether a Japanese and an Indian expert need to work together on the project.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs have opined that the selection of a DNA expert in India is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of

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Inquiry. In this background, we would request the Commission to select an Indian and a Japanese DNA expert to enable this Ministry to facilitate the process with the help of our Embassy in Tokyo.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchir Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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No. JMCI Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/
70(Vol.II)/177.

Kolkata, dated, 28th July '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.
25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 13.06.03 and to send herewith
a XEROX copy of the letter dated May 22, 2003 from
Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library as
also of the write-up by her in reply to a request of
the Commission for an authenticated copy of the
article by Elliot Ericson again for favour of
taking necessary action.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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From: Mary W. George <mwgeorge@Princeton.EDU>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 1:35 AM
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American) National Republic of 1954]]

Dear P. K. Sengupta:

Princeton's Main Catalog says we hold the *National Republic* for 1954, but the set is in a remote storage facility. We can provide a copy of the Ericson article if you make an interlibrary loan request through your own library. We will also need a complete citation to the article (or at least the beginning page) so that we can request the correct volume from storage. Information about our interlibrary loan service to other libraries, and about the fees we charge, is on this web page:

<http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/ils/lending.html>

Sincerely,
Mary George
Princeton University Library

Subject: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American)National Republic of 1954
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From: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
To: mudd@Princeton.EDU
CC: truman.library@nara.gov

.To: The Librarian / Director.

It is learnt that an article on/about Subhas Chandra Bose ,authored by one Elliot Ericson ,appeared in an issue of 1954 of (American)National Republic, a monthly magazine.If it is true and the Magazine is in your library\archives, may I request you to kindly send an authenticated copy of the article by post/fax/e-mail?The article is relevant for an ongoing inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose .

Warm regards.

PK Sengupta

5/22/03

Secretary

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29 July 2003

Dear Shri Mitra,

(Sms. 72)

Please refer to JS(CNV)'s letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 22 April 2003 addressed to Shri D.B. Venkatesh Varma, Counsellor (Political) on the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The Embassy had sent communication in writing to the list of witnesses referred to in the letter. We have received response from Dr. R.B. Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies. I am enclosing the reply of Dr. Rybakov along with its English translation.

on behalf of

best regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Rahul Shrivastava)

Shri Sandip Mitra
Under Secretary (NGO)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

[Signature]

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to JMCI
(Sms. 119)

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To Mr. Satbir Singh
Director of Jawaharlal Nehru
Cultural Centre
Embassy of India in Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is very touching for us to know that Indian public is making a lot of efforts in order to find out the mystery of death of Subhas Chandra Bos, outstanding leader of National Liberation movement in India.

Russian indologists are also paying much attention on making research about this outstanding personality. Moreover, Subhas Chandra Bos visited our country trying to find support of Soviet government in his struggle against colonial oppression. Researches on the life and activity of S.Ch.Bos were conducted on the basis of Indian materials, documents of Russian archives as well as materials from Germany and Afghanistan. For the recent years the following works were published or are being prepared for publication:

A.V.Raikov (Lipetsk) "India's most dangerous hour". M., 1999.

Yu.N.Tikhonov (Lipetsk) "The Afghan War of the Third Reich". M., 2003.

R.N.Koltsov (Vladimir) "S.Ch.Bos, the Ideologist and Leader of the Indian National Liberation Movement: Political Views and Activity from 1921 to 1945"

O.Yu.Kurnyshin (Moscow) "Paradoxes of political biography of S.Ch.Bos". M. 2000.

At present the researchers of the Institute of Oriental Studies are not doing a special investigation on life and activity of S.Ch.Bos but the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organize a meeting of Russian historians dealing with this problem with the members of the Commission of the judge M.K.Mukerji. The time and place of the meeting can be discussed later.

Director of Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences

R.B.Rybakov

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Господину САТБИР СИНГХУ
Директору Культурного центра
им. Дж.Неру
Посольства Индии в РФ

Глубокоуважаемый г-н Сингх!

Мы глубоко тронуты той настойчивостью, с которой индийская общественность старается раскрыть тайну гибели выдающегося деятеля национально-освободительного движения Субхас Чандры Боса:

Русские индологи не могли пройти мимо такой выдающейся личности, тем более что он посетил нашу страну, пытаясь заручиться поддержкой советского правительства в своей борьбе против колониального гнета. Исследования жизни, деятельности и судьбы С.Ч.Боса проводились на основе индийских материалов, документов русских архивов, а также материалов из Германии и Афганистана. За последние несколько лет были опубликованы или готовятся к публикации нижеперечисленные работы по этой проблеме:

А.В.Райков (Липецк) «Опаснейший час Индии», М. 1999.

Ю.Н.Тихонов (Липецк) «Афганская война Третьего рейха» М. 2003.

Р.Н.Кольцов (Владимир) «С.Ч. Бос – идеолог и лидер индийского национально-освободительного движения: политические взгляды и деятельность с 1921-1945 гг.».

О.Ю.Курнышин (Москва) «Парадоксы политической биографии С.Ч.Боса». М. 2000.

Сотрудники Института востоковедения в настоящее время специально не занимаются исследованием жизни и деятельности С.Ч.Боса, однако ИВ РАН готов устроить встречу российских историков, занимавшихся этой проблемой, с членами Комиссии судьи М.К.Мукерджи. Время и место могут быть оговорены дополнительно.

с уважением

Директор ИВ РАН



Рыбаков Р.Б.



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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

No.BKU/321/2/2002

28th July, 2003

My dear

Vijay

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Please refer to your D.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated the 15th July, 2003 regarding information related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in the archives in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

We have once again reminded the Foreign Office to send to us any information, if available, in their State Archives. These will be sent to you as soon as we hear from them.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

[U S Pande]

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
NEW DELHI.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI
VIETNAM

No.HAN/103/16/2002

July 23, 2003

The Embassy of India in Vietnam presents its compliments to the State Arhive Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to request for the kind assistance of the esteemed Department for any information/documents/photographs etc. that may be available in the archives in Vietnam indicating the presence in Vietnam of the Indian leader and founder of the Indian National Army Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (who is believed by some to have been sighted in Vietnam after a plane crash in August 1945). This information has been requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry instituted by the Government of India to unravel the mystery of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after the plane crash.

The Embassy of India in Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the State Archive Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

The State Archive Department
Ministry of Home Affairs
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Hanoi
(Kind Attn: H.E. Mr. Duong Van Kham, Director General)

Copy to:

Asia-II Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Hanoi

NOO – Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, New Delhi

W.r.t. your letter no.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 15.7.2003. Although I had mentioned this to a number of Vietnamese colleagues on receipt of your letter last year with a view to evoking some leads, and so had CG in HCMC (where Netaji is believed by some of his admirers had been sighted), we were not able to make any headway. As you know, the question of historical archives (in general) is a rather political one in any Communist country, not the province academics who can be approached for their views/information. Also, Japan's record in this part of the world during World War II is not a positive one, making the task of such enquiries more difficult.

We have now requested for this information formally – let us see if it evokes any useful response.

With refd,

Saurabh Kumar
(Saurabh Kumar)



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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of
India, Ministry of Home Affairs
'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/166

July 21, 2003

Dear Mr. Gokhale,

(Sms. 74)

I am to request you to kindly refer para 4 of your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 22nd April, 2003 which was in reply to the Commission's letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/621 dated 14th February, 2003. Two (2) letters, one addressed to Prof. E N Komorov, Senior Research Professor, Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow and the other to Prof. Y V Pechenko, Department of Far Eastern Studies, Oriental Faculty, St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, were sent to you with the request to cause delivery of the letters with their enclosures to the addressees by the Indian Embassy in Russia.

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In para 4 of your above-quoted d.o. letter dated 22nd April, 2003, you informed that the letters had been forwarded to Moscow and St.Petersberg respectively for doing the needful. Till now no report regarding delivery of the letters to the addressees has been received. The Commission is still in dark about the fate of those two (2) letters. Earlier letters to the said addressees were sent direct to them by Registered Post with A/D. It is not yet known whether the letters have been delivered to them.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter and inform the Commission as early as possible whether the letters have since been delivered to the addressees concerned (a copy each of the letter is enclosed).

In this connection, I would further say that a similar letter was sent by Registered Post with A.D. to Datin Janaki Athi Nahappan (Janaki Dewar), ex-member of Parliament, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In this case too, the postal A.D. has not been received back and accordingly the Commission is in the dark about the fate of the letter. A copy of the letter along with a copy of its enclosure is sent herewith and you are requested to kindly cause delivery of the letter to the addressee by the Indian Embassy/Mission at Kuala Lumpur.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

Secretary

Encls: As above.

To

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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March 28, 2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Professor Y.V. Pechenko,
Department of Far Eastern Studies,
Oriental Faculty,
St. Petersburg University,
St. Petersburg - 199034
Russia.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to request you to kindly help the Commission in its inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a highly respected National Leader of India, by making yourself available to the Commission for examination as a witness on some points relevant to the inquiry. A copy of the Notification No. Notfn/010/99/JMCII dated, 3rd December, 1999 issued by the Commission in this regard is sent herewith to enable you to have a clear idea about the points of inquiry of this Commission, set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for unravelling the mystery shrouding this Great National Leader of India.

I would further request you to kindly indicate your convenience as to the dates, hours, and places when and where you might be examined as a witness by the Commission.

Enclo : As stated.

Encl: 1 (one)

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NOTIFICATION

No. Notfn/010/99/JMCI

Dated, Calcutta, the 3rd December 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) & (2) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952); the Central Government vide its notification No. S.O.339(E) dated 14th May 1999, published in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i) & (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extra-ordinary dated 14.5.99, has appointed a Commission of Inquiry comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, to inquire into all the facts & circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including :-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when & how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

Besides, the Commission has been asked to examine the manner in which the exercise of scrutiny of publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

Notice is hereby given that all individuals, group of persons, associations, institutions & organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the matters referred to the Commission and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters referred to the Commission as mentioned above, may furnish their statement relating and relevant to the aforesaid matters, to the Commission on any working day (except Saturdays, Sundays & holidays) between 10-00 a.m. & 3-00 p.m., either in person or by duly authorised agent or through registered post/speedpost at the office of the Commission at the place mentioned below, within two months of the publication of this notice.

Every such statement shall be accompanied by an Affidavit sworn in support of the averments made in the statement by the person furnishing the statement before a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate 1st Class or a Commissioner of Oath or any other persons authorised by law to administer oath.

Every person furnishing a statement as mentioned above shall also furnish to the Commission along with the statement a list of documents, if any, on which he proposes to rely and forward to the Commission, wherever practicable, the originals or true copies of such of the documents as may be in his possession or powers and shall state the name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained.

Every affidavit, as stated above, shall be verified in the following manner :-

"Verified that the statements made in paragraphs _____ of the above affidavit are true to my personal knowledge and those in paragraphs _____ from information received and believed to be true by me."

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The Magistrate or Commissioner of Oath or Authority legally empowered to confer oath before whom the affidavit is sworn, shall make endorsements therein in the following manner :-

"Sworn before me by the deponent who is identified to my satisfaction by _____ or is personally known to me. The affidavit has been read out in full to the deponent who has signed it after admitting it to be correct, on this the _____ day of _____ 1999"

(Signature of the Magistrate.)

The affidavit must state the occupation and the ordinary place of residence/abode of the deponent. If considered necessary, the deponent may file alongwith his affidavit a list of witnesses.

If the affidavit is in a language other than English, it shall be accompanied by a translation thereof in English duly authenticated by an advocate or a Magistrate.

It may be noted that the proceedings before the Commission are judicial proceedings within the meaning of Sections 193 & 228 of Indian Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860).

All statements, accompanied by affidavits, furnished in the manner stated above and within the time prescribed, may be addressed to :

Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
11A Mirza Ghalib Street, 3rd floor, Block 'B'
(South side of the old building)
Calcutta 700 087

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Calcutta.

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March 28, 2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Prof. E.N. Komarov,
Senior Research Professor,
Institute of Oriental Studies,
Academy of Sciences, Moscow,
Rozdestvenka Street 12
103771 Russia.

sir/Madam

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I would further request you to kindly indicate your convenience as to the dates, hours, and places when and where you might be examined as a witness by the Commission.

Enclo : As stated.

Enclo. 1 (one)

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NOTIFICATION

No. Noin 010/99-JMCI

Dated, Calcutta, the 3rd August, 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) & (2) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952); the Central Government vide its notification No. S.O.339(1) dated 14th May 1999, published in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i) & (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extra-ordinary dated 14.5.99, has appointed a Commission of Inquiry comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, to inquire into all the facts & circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including :-

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
11A Mirza Ghalib Street, 3rd floor, Block 'B'
(South side of the old building)
Calcutta 700 037

MY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

P.K. Sen Gupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Calcutta.

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March 28, 2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Puan Sri Datin Janaki Athi Nahappan
(Janaky Dewar) (Ex Member of Parliament)
60A Jalan Kuantan
Kuala Lumpur 53200
Malaysia
Fax : 00-603-2928585

Sir/Madam

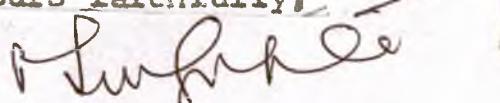
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I would further request you to kindly indicate your convenience as to the dates, hours, and places when and where you might be examined as a witness by the Commission.

Enclo : As stated.

Enc. 1 (one)

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NOTIFICATION

No. Notfn/010/99/JMCI

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Calcutta 700 087

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Calcutta.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087
FAX: 0091-033-2252-2765

Phone: 29/7
Chairman - 2252-2835
Secretary - 2252-2767
Officer on
Special Duty - 2252-2765
Office - 2252-2760/6
e-mail: jmcinseb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/167.

Kolkata, dated, 21st July' 03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/84 dated 30.05.03 and to say that the Commission is yet to be apprised of the results of the inquiries as mentioned in para 2 of the d.o. letter (copy enclosed), a copy of which was enclosed thereto.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to let the Commission know immediately the results of the inquiries as expeditiously as possible.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



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No. 489/DM/91

विदेश उप मंत्री
भारत
DEPUTY MINISTER
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INDIA

March 26, 1991

Dear Prof. Samarjee

Kindly refer to your letter of 26th February, 1991 addressed to Shri Devi Lal concerning high level investigation into "secret documents" on the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I would like to assure you that this Ministry has already initiated follow-up action in this regard. We are awaiting results to our enquiries.

3. We shall keep you informed of any further developments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(DIGVIJAY SINGH)

Prof. Samar Guha,
Ex-Member of Parliament,
8/2, Central Park,
CALCUTTA - 700032

3330/Dr(CW)/03
30.7.03

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/169

Kolkata, dated, July 22, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter
No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/106 dated 09.06.03 and to
say that the report as solicited in the aforesaid letter
is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly
favour the Commission with your report as expeditiously as
possible, ^{on}whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose are available in the archives of Belarus
and UKraine.

what is pending
from our side
now?

Yours faithfully,

m/r

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/172

July 23, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary.

To
Sri L. C. Goyale,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India, North Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for establishing the real identity of the deceased.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.4.03 on the aforesaid subject (copy enclosed) and the DO letter no. 25/4 NGO-Vol. IX dt. 26.3.03 addressed to the undersigned from Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, a copy of which was sent as an enclosure to the above-quoted letter dt. 10.4.03.

Though it was expressly stated in the letter dated 10.4.03 that the matter was very urgent, till now no reply to that letter has yet been received from your end. As a consequence, there has been no progress in the matter which has, in turn, adversely affected the progress of the inquiry. I am directed to say that the question of feasibility of the DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple is of prime importance and this question has to be resolved without any further delay for bringing about a meaningful result of this inquiry. Further course of action of this Commission depends largely upon solution of this question.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kalra, Director of your Ministry, along with Mr. Zuha, Desk Officer of your Ministry, came to the office of the Commission in Kolkata to sort out some long pending matters. The question of feasibility of the DNA test was also discussed with them and Mr. Kalra proposed a meeting of a representative of the Commission with the competent officers of your Ministry, the Ministry of External Affairs and other concerned

The matter is already
being examined by
us separately,

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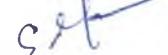
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Ministries/Departments in Delhi to find out ways and means for holding necessary scientific test for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple. Mr. Kalra told the Commission that after his return to New Delhi confirmation about the meeting would be sent by fax. Till now, no such confirmation has been received. Therefore, I have been directed to ask you to look into the matter with utmost dispatch and all the seriousness it deserves to enable the Commission to perform its job effectively and expeditiously. A copy of the Commission's letter dated 10.04.2003 is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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July 23, 2003

Copy forwarded to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action. A copy of the Commission's letter dated 10.04.2003 is enclosed.



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF
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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14

2 April 10, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Ref: D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 26, 2003 addressed to the undersigned by Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the above-quoted d.o. letter dated March 26, 2003 (copy enclosed) and also the letters noted below (copies enclosed) which are self-speaking and will enable you to appreciate the backdrop of the former.

- (1. Report dated 12/18.11.2002 of Shri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, and Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.
2. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/23/83/443 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.
3. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. S. E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics.
4. D.O. letter no. DCCMB/34 dated 10.12.2003, in reply to the Sl. No. 2 above, from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad.
5. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-

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6. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the report dated 12/18.11.2002 of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket allegedly containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose made by him and Shri C. Rajsekhar (Sl. No. 1 at page 1).
7. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481 dated 26.12.2002 addressed to Shri Aseem Maharajan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.
8. Fax message dated 27.12.2002 from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the Commission's letter dated 26.12.2002 sent by Fax (Sl. No. 7 at page 1).
9. Fax message dated 30.12.2002 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reply to his Fax dated 27.12.2002 (Sl.No. 8 at page 1).
10. Letter dated 07.01.2003 from Mr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany in reply to (Sl. No. 5 at page 1).
11. Letter by e-mail to Mr. Terry Milton, Mitotyping Technologies, USA.
12. Letter by e-mail to Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, UK.
13. Letter by e-mail dated from Mr. Terry Milton in reply to Sl. No. 11 above.
14. Reply to Sl. No. 12 above by e-mail dated 22.01.2003 from Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys.
15. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/520 dated 27.01.2003 to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
16. Fax dated 11.03.2003 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, as a reminder.
17. Letter no. EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
18. Fax message from Shri Biren Nanda in reference to the Commission's Fax dated 11.03.2003 at Sl. No. 16 above)

The enclosed correspondence on the subject of the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple are more than sufficient to show the endeavours made by the Commission in this regard since the receipt of the report of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the alleged mortal remains and the photographs of the contents of the casket from the Embassy of India in Japan. Unfortunately, till now there is no tangible result and time is running out fast.

In his Fax message dated 27.12.2002 (Sl. No. 8 in the list of correspondence) Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, assured the Commission that the Embassy "shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test". Waiting in vain for a pretty long time for further communication from Shri Nanda, the Commission wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, requesting him to take necessary action to expedite the matter (vide letter dated 13.03.2003 at Sl. No. 17). Ultimately, Shri Nanda sent a Fax message dated 27.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 18) advising the Commission to "directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter". In reply to the Commission's letter dated 13.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 17), Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, has informed that they have referred the matter to your Ministry, which is the nodal Ministry, and that they will revert to the Commission as soon as your advice is received (vide his d.o. letter no. 24/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 26.03.2003 a copy which is an enclosure to this letter).

In these circumstances, I am directed to request you to kindly extend all necessary help and assistance to the Commission in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

The Directors of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, and the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics were approached by the Commission for the purpose (vide letters at Sl. Nos. 2 & 3 at page 1). In his reply dated 10.12.2002 (vide letter at Sl. No. 4 at page 1), Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, informed that laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test "does not exist in India." As advised by him, the Commission wrote to Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (vide letter at Sl. No. 5 at page 1). In his turn, Dr. Paabo advised the Commission to contact Mr. Terry Milton of Mitotyping Technologies, USA, and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, University of Leicester, UK (vide letter at Sl. No. 10 at page 2). Copies of the letter written Mr. Terry Milton and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys in pursuance of the advice of Dr. Svante Paabo are at Sl. No. 11 and 12 at page 2.

Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys regretted his inability to assist the Commission in the matter (vide letter at Sl. No. 12 at page 2). He, however, recommended the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, one of the National Forensic Science laboratories. He also named Dr. Lalji Singh, Director of the CCMB, Hyderabad, as "one obvious contact". It may be mentioned here that Prof. Sir Jeffreys was written to after contacting Dr. Lalji Singh. In the context of this letter of Prof. Sir Jeffreys the Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs was approached for help by the Commission (vide letter at Sl. N. 15 at page 2).

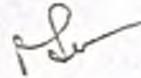
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Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton (vide letter at Sl. No. 13 at page no. 2), but there is a precondition stipulated by him in the paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter received by e-mail. This is "anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography". He has categorically written, "We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding".

The Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on that mortal remains. I am, therefore, directed to request you to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA test on the alleged mortal remains.

This matter may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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April 10, 2003

Copy with a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-11001.


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
DUSHANBE

No.Dus/Cons/403/1/2002

Dear Ms. Ghanshyam,

Please refer to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 15.07.2003, regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

We have once again reminded the Tajik authorities (copy enclosed) to expedite the access to their archives. As soon as we have any additional information, we will communicate the same to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

T. K. -

(Yogendra Kumar)

To

Ms. R. Ghanshyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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भारत का राजदूतावास
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EMBASSY OF INDIA
DUSHANBE

Dated : 24.07.2003

The Embassy of India in Dushanbe presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan and has the honour to refer to this Embassy's Note Verbale of even number dated 13.12.2002 (copy enclosed), whereby the esteemed Ministry has been requested to provide access to archives material having information on late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, a national leader and freedom fighter for the independence of India, who visited the erstwhile USSR during 1941 in his struggle for freedom of India. The esteemed Ministry is requested to kindly expedite the matter.

The Embassy of India in Dushanbe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Tajikistan
Dushanbe





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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 29, 2003

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has requested for an authenticated copy of Elliot Ericson's article on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which appeared in an issue of (American) **National Republic** of 1954. I would like to mention here that the Commission had written to Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library in this connection. Ms. George has confirmed that the library holds the "National Republic" for 1954. However, the Commission could not obtain the requisite copy since it has no library of its own through which Inter Library Loan Service could be sought. Copies of communication sent by Ms. Mary George to the Commission are enclosed for information.

It would be seen that the National Archives & Records Administration, Maryland, had also indicated to the Mission that the Princeton University as also the Library of Congress were to be contacted for obtaining a copy of the said article (enclosure to Mission's letter No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003 dated 25.3.2003 refers). You are, therefore, requested to obtain a copy of the requisite article and send it to us at the earliest.

In the meanwhile, the Justice Mukherjee Commission has sent another letter dated 8th July, 2003 (copy enclosed) which is self-explanatory. I would like to request you to ascertain the availability of the correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Netaji, as desired by the Commission.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Dr. Subhakanta Behera
Counsellor(Political)
Embassy of India
Washington

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
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Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol/I)/152

July 08, 2003

Sub: Correspondence on Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman about or related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose

Dear *Sri Gokhale,*

The Director/Librarian of Mac Arthur Memorial Library, U.S.A. and the Director/Librarian of Public Record Office, United Kingdom were written to with the request to let the Commission know whether in their library/archives there were correspondence of Lord Mountbatten, Mac Arthur and President Truman about or related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose. They were requested to furnish the particulars of documents on the above subject, if any, in their library/archives and make it convenient to arrange to furnish the Commission with authenticated copies of the correspondence, if any.

In reply to the letter dated 27th May, 2003, Ms. Abi Husainy of the Research and Editorial Services Department of the National Archives of United Kingdom has informed in her letter No. PRO3/0268 dated 11th June, 2003 (copy of the extract of relevant portion of the letter is enclosed) that she could not locate any reference relating to correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Subhas Chandra Bose. She has, however, stated in her letter that it is possible that National Archives of U.S.A. may hold information on the subject. She has also furnished the address of two (2) National Archives of U.S.A.

Now, I am directed to request you kindly to have the matter taken up at the Government level in order to ascertain whether correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose or any references to such correspondence are available in the two (2) archives named in the copy of the letter enclosed.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Vijay Gokhale
14/7/03
Encls: As above.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
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Dear Mr Sengupta

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2003.

I have checked the printed indexes to the Foreign Office: General Correspondence for references relating to the correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, General MacArthur and President Truman on Subhas Chandra Bose. I did not have any success in locating references relating to that. It is possible that the National Archives of USA may hold information on this subject. Their address is as follows

U.S national Archives and Records Administration
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Washington DC 20408
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Encl. NO. 1

From: Mary W. George <mwgeorge@Princeton.EDU>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 1:35 AM
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American) National Republic of 1954]]

Dear P. K. Sengupta:

Princeton's Main Catalog says we hold the *National Republic* for 1954, but the set is in a remote storage facility. We can provide a copy of the Ericson article if you make an interlibrary loan request through your own library. We will also need a complete citation to the article (or at least the beginning page) so that we can request the correct volume from storage. Information about our interlibrary loan service to other libraries, and about the fees we charge, is on this web page:

<http://info.princeton.edu/ils/lending.html>

Sincerely,
Mary George
Princeton University Library

Subject: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American)National Republic of 1954
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 16:15:05 +0530
From: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
To: mudd@Princeton.EDU
CC: truman.library@nara.gov

To: The Librarian / Director,

It is learnt that an article on/about Subhas Chandra Bose ,authored by one Elliot Ericson ,appeared in an issue of 1954 of (American)National Republic, a monthly magazine.If it is true and the Magazine is in your library\archives, may I request you to kindly send an authenticated copy of the article by post/fax/e-mail?The article is relevant for an ongoing inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose .

Warm regards,

PK Sengupta

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No.SIN/Pol/102/2/03

July 18, 2003

Dear

Vijay,

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Please refer to my endorsement of July 8, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has just informed that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army (INA) office functioning in Singapore (copy of the note is enclosed).

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the High Commission of India and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 of 8 July 2003.

The Ministry has the further honour to inform the High Commission that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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17 July 2003

High Commission of India

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II)

Dated July 29, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/621 dated 1.4.2003 regarding possibility of examination of witnesses mentioned by Dr.Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dated 8.6.2000. In this connection, an update on the action taken by our Embassy in Moscow is enclosed for your information.

In the meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Singapore have informed that they have no information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore. A copy of the Ministry's note is enclosed.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To

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June 10, 2003

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor (Political)

No. MOS/POL/125/1190

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 22 April, 2003 regarding letter received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. This is to update on action taken by the Embassy on the letter under reference.

2. All persons listed in the affidavit submitted by Dr. Purabi Roy have been requested to convey whether they would be available for examination by the Commission and, if so, the dates, hours and places when and where they would like to be examined as witnesses, except the following:

- i) Mr. V.I. Kulev has passed away.
- ii) Mr. Mr. V.N. Plastun is no longer living in Moscow and is reported to have shifted to Novosibirsk. His whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.
- iii) Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov, his whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.
- iv) Mr. E.M. Morosov, details of his whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.

With regards

Vijay Gokhale
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Yours sincerely,

D.B. Venkatesh Varma

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (II)/150 (7)

July 07, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, West Block-8, Wing-I, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110066.

3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.

5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.

6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.

7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.06.2003 to 30.06.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.06.2003 to 30.06.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.05.2003 to 31.05.2003 forwarded under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A(II)/93(7) dated June 4, 2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. (a) There has been no further development in the matters as stated in paras 3 and 15 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
(b) There has been no further development also in the matters as stated in paras 11(a),(b),(c), and (d) of the Status Report for the period from 01.05.2003 to 31.05.2003.
3. The clarifications sought for from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/39 dated April 28, 2003 in respect of Serial Nos. (ii),(iii),(iv),(v) and (vi) of para 2 of letter No.281/12/1/2000-IS dated 13.11.2002 of the Cabinet Secretariat are yet to be received.
4. The Commission in its letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 has indicated all the correspondence made by it and the replies / responses thereto received by it regarding feasibility of D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 10.04.2003 : "Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton..... but there is a precondition stipulated by him This is 'anthropological evaluation of remains, including photography'. He

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has categorically written, 'we would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding'

As the Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of D.N.A. test on that mortal remains, it has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the request 'to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains'. A copy of the said letter dated 10.04.2003 along with its enclosures was forwarded for information and necessary action to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India..

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The response of the Government of India is still being anxiously awaited.

5. A xerox copy of the letter dated 10.02.2003 of Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and four others and xerox copies of the enclosures thereto, which is a list of documents exhibited by the witnesses before Justice Khosla Commission, have been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 with the request to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the said letter dated 10.02.2003 and its enclosures. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 28, 2003 of Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, it has been stated, inter alia, that copies/originals of all the documents related to Justice Khosla Commission would be available only with the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the letter dated 1st November, 1951 of Shri Subimal Dutta, the then Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri A. M. Sahay, and the letter dated 17th January, 1952 of Shri A. M. Sahay to Shri Subimal Dutta were sent in original by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/15 dated 11.04.2003 to kindly send immediately the original or authenticated true copies of

all the documents as called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003,a copy of which appears to have been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs earlier in response to which the Ministry of External Affairs wrote the aforesaid d.o. letter dated March 28, 2003 to the Secretary of the Commission. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is still awaited

6. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2003/87/67 dated May 22, 2003 the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been drawn to the Order of the Commission communicated to him by Commission's letters No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11th December, 2002 and No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2002/87/577 dated March 5, 2003 as also to the letter No. 1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V) dated 28.04.2003 received from Mr. U. K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, indicating, inter alia, the nature and extent of repeated non-compliance of the order and directions of the Commission and communicating the directions of the Commission to ensure that the reports asked for in the letters dated 9/11.12.2002 and 05.03.2003 of the Commission, reach the Commission as early as possible, but not later than 30th June, 2003. The reports called for has not yet been received.

7. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, so that the Commission may have access to those documents. It has also been pointed out therein that from the materials before the Commission it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was

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issued on 18.08.1945; that from the certified copy of extract from the original document on Cremation Permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1956 and that the original document on cremation permit was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e., long after the end of the Second World War. In the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX-I dated February 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated, inter alia : "we have asked our Embassy to seek the requisite clarifications and obtain the desired documents from the Government of Japan. The matter is under reference to the concerned authorities in Japan. We are waiting to hear from them on this issue. We shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities." From the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(III) dated 11.06.2003 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it appears that no positive response has yet been received by them from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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8. Report solicited by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated December 5, 2002 on the outcome of further inquiry pursuant to the communication dated May 8, 2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain, Consul, St. Petersburg addressed to the Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which was enclosed with the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 31, 2002 of the Ministry of External Affairs, is yet to be received.
9. The outcome of the action taken by the Indian Embassy in Moscow regarding their checking with the witnesses indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's registered letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Vol.II)/621 dated 01.04.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as mentioned in para 5 of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Ministry is still awaited.
10. The report of the second hand writing expert regarding comparison of the hand writings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad with the admitted specimen hand writings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is expected to be available soon .

11. The reports of the Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad regarding D.N.A. tests of the blood samples of two sons of the two elder brothers of Netaji and of one of the descendants belonging to the maternal lineage of Netaji as also of the teeth allegedly belonging to 'Gumnami Baba,' are yet to be received.
12. The evidence of two deponents available in Pune and one deponent available in Amravati, Maharashtra, have been recorded by the Secretary of the Commission on its behalf during the last week of June, 2003,
13. Steps have been taken for holding the hearing of the Commission on 14.07.2003 and 15.07.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when eight witnesses are to be examined and one witness is to be further examined.
14. Seventy six records/files , which are admitted by the Intelligence Bureau , Government of India, to be available with them, could not be perused by Shri P.N. Chakravarty, Senior Research Officer of the Commission when he visited the Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi, as per programme in the second half of February, 2003 with prior intimation to the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India. He was given to understand that the Micro-film system of the I.B. has become non-functional , that they are shifting their office to a new site and that it would take considerable time by the I.B. to make those records available for inspection on behalf of the Commission, after shifting of the records was completed and the Micro-film system was restored. The Deputy Central Intelligence Officer, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, Kolkata, has verbally intimated that those records can be made available now by the I.B. for inspection on behalf of the Commission. Necessary steps have been taken accordingly.
15. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/75 dated May 27, 2003 to kindly take up with American Embassy and Consulates in India so that the Commission may get access to the records regarding Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose with them as admitted to be available in the letter dated March 13, 2003 of the Director, Textual Archive Services Division of the National Archives and Records Administration, USA addressed to Shri S.K. Behra, Counsellor,

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Embassy of India (Chancery), a copy of which has been sent to the Commission along with the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission. Further development in the matter is awaited.

16. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have been requested by Commission's letters No.70(II)/72 and 70(II)/71, both dated May 27, 2003 respectively, to make endeavours to get the photographs of the scene of the plane crash as also the photographs taken at the hospital after the alleged death of Netaji and to send to the Commission the prints of those photographs along with the negatives thereof as early as possible since the enclosures of the aforesaid letters reveal that according to Habibur Rahman those photos were taken and were then lying in the possession of the Japanese War Office in Tokyo. From Memo No.I-12014/13/2000-NCB dated June 6, 2003 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which has been endorsed to the Commission, it appears that the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Defence (History Division), Government of India, and the National Archives of India, have been requested to make efforts to locate the said photographs, if any, available in those Ministries/Departments and to communicate the result of the efforts to the Commission under intimation to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Further intimation in the matter is awaited.

Reply sent

17. By Commission's letter No.70/443 dated November 27, 2002, a copy of the letter dated November 1, 2002 of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the deponents of the Affidavit No.JMCI/11 has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in continuation of the Commission's letter No.56(IV)/398 dated November 11, 2002 with the request to take necessary action in the matter. In the said letter dated November 1, 2002 Shri Chakravarty has requested the Commission to visit the U.K., U.S.A., and Germany for reasons mentioned in his said letter. In response to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated December 3, 2002 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Secretary of

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the Commission, the Ministry of External Affairs has been requested by way of clarification to kindly take appropriate action to help the Commission have access to the documents referred to in the said letter dated November 1, 2002 of Shri Chakravarty. A reminder has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, vide Commission's letter No.70(H)/131 dated June 18, 2003. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

Reply
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P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner

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No.SIN/Pol/102/2/03

July 18, 2003

Dear Vijay,

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Please refer to my endorsement of July 8, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has just informed that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army (INA) office functioning in Singapore (copy of the note is enclosed).

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Ravi Bangar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the High Commission of India and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 of 8 July 2003.

The Ministry has the further honour to inform the High Commission that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The High Commission of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to its note verbale dated May 23 regarding request of the High Commission for information desired by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments. The High Commission will highly appreciate if the esteemed Ministry could confirm the existence of an Indian National Army office (INA) and if it is functioning in Singapore and details thereof.

The High Commission of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Directorate IV)
Republic of Singapore
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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS (CNV), MEA, South Block, New Delhi.. w.r.t letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated June 11, 2003

Regards,

Ravi Bangar
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Deputy High Commissioner

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No. JMCI Meeting-Proceeding(Follow Up)/
99-2000/48(IV)/160.

Kolkata, dated. **10th July' 03.**

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 11.06.2002 addressed to Shri Ravi Bangar, Deputy High Commissioner of India, Singapore, a copy of which is endorsed to the Secretary of the Commission and to request you to kindly send to the Commission immediately a true copy of the "list of material related to the I.N.A. in Singapore" which appears to have been sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, since no enclosure comprising copy thereof has been received by the Commission with the copy of your said d.o. letter endorsed to the Commission.

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Yours faithfully,

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
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Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol II)/152

July 08, 2003

Sub: Correspondence on Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman about or related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose

Dear Sri Gokhale,

The Director/Librarian of Mac Arthur Memorial Library, U.S.A. and the Director/Librarian of Public Record Office, United Kingdom were written to with the request to let the Commission know whether in their library/archives there were correspondence of Lord Mountbatten, Mac Arthur and President Truman about or related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose. They were requested to furnish the particulars of documents on the above subject, if any, in their library/archives and make it convenient to arrange to furnish the Commission with authenticated copies of the correspondence, if any.

In reply to the letter dated 27th May, 2003, Ms. Abi Husainy of the Research and Editorial Services Department of the National Archives of United Kingdom has informed in her letter No. PR03/0268 dated 11th June, 2003 (copy of the extract of relevant portion of the letter is enclosed) that she could not locate any reference relating to correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Subhas Chandra Bose. She has, however, stated in her letter that it is possible that National Archives of U.S.A. may hold information on the subject. She has also furnished the address of two (2) National Archives of U.S.A.

Now, I am directed to request you kindly to have the matter taken up at the Government level in order to ascertain whether correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, Gen. Mac Arthur and President Truman on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose or any references to such correspondence are available in the two (2) archives named in the copy of the letter enclosed.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With warm regards,

Yours

sincerely,
P. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

N. A. P.
S. Shrikant
14/7/03
Encls: As above.

M. Sengupta

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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11 June 2003

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The National Archives, bringing together
the Public Record Office and the
Historical Manuscripts Commission

Dear Mr Sengupta

CR184 Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2003.

I have checked the printed indexes to the Foreign Office: General Correspondence for references relating to the correspondence between Lord Mountbatten, General Macarthur and President Truman on Subhas Chandra Bose. I did not have any success in locating references relating to that. It is possible that the National Archives of USA may hold information on this subject. Their address is as follows

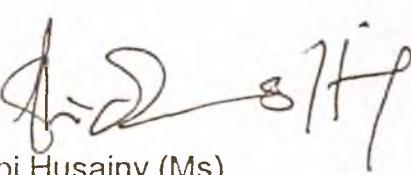
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Yours Sincerely


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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/75 dated 25.05.2003 regarding existence of documents relating to Netaji in the American Embassy and its Consulates in India.

This Ministry had made a reference on the issue to the US Embassy in Delhi. Their response, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding (Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/140 dated 24.6.2003 regarding enclosures to our letter of even number dated 11.6.03 which have not been received by the Commission. The said enclosures are being forwarded herewith.

I would also like to draw your attention to your letter addressed to Prof. Petchenko of St. Petersburg University which was sent with your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/616 dated 28.3.03. We regret to inform you that the letter could not be handed over to Prof. Petchenko since he passed away last month after a long illness.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Encls: as above



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the correspondence regarding release of classified documents in the UK relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the examination of the Commission.

As the Commission is aware, the matter had been taken up with the British Government for reconsideration. In this connection, the reply of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/87/520 dated 27.01.2003 which was forwarded as enclosure 15 to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 regarding DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Incidentally, we had not received your original letter dated 27.1.03.

The requisite information relating to the National Forensic Service Laboratories in the UK, as received from our Mission in London, is forwarded herewith.

With reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/131 dated 18.6.2003 regarding the documents referred to in Shri Nandalal Chakraborty's letter dated 1.11.2002, the position has been elucidated in my letter of 27th June, 2003. The updated position in respect of documents from the UK has already been indicated above.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(III)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/72 dated 27.5.03 regarding photographs of the scene of the plane crash and photographs taken at the Hospital after the alleged death of Netaji.

Following a scrutiny of the records available in this Ministry, it has been found that the only photographs available are those which had been reproduced in the report of the Shah Nawaz Committee of 1956. No other photograph as called for by the Commission in their letter under reference is available with us.

Yours sincerely,

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(Vijay Gokhale)

To

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Copy for information to Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer -IS(V), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi w.r.t. his Note No. I-12014/13/2000-NCB dated 6.6.03.

S.Mitra
(Sandip Mitra)
Under Secretary(NGO)

25/7/03



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 15, 2003

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Ambassador,

Please refer to my d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated November 27, 2002 regarding information related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in the archives in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Your letter No. BKU/321/2/2002 dated 18th November, 2002 also refers in this connection.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission is pressing us hard for the requisite information. I will be grateful if this information is sent to us at the earliest.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Smith

(Vijay Gokhale)

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Ambassador of India
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 15, 2003

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Ambassador,

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Please refer to my d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated November 27, 2002 in response to your e-mail message of 11.11.2002 regarding information related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose /INA in the archives in Tajikistan.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission is pressing us hard for the requisite information. I will be grateful if this information is sent to us at the earliest.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Yogendra Kumar
Ambassador of India
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Sharat,

Please refer to my d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated November 27, 2002 in response to your fax No. 260 of 7th November regarding details of archives and information therein related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission is pressing us hard for the requisite information. I will be grateful if this information is sent to us at the earliest.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

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Shri Sharat Sabharwal
Ambassador of India
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear *Pavin*,

You would recall that in September, 2001, the then Foreign Secretary had written to the Ambassador for persuading the Government of Japan to make available all documents either in their possession or under their control relevant to the points of inquiry relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission. As I understand, the Mission had made a reference to the Japanese Foreign Office on this issue in the same month, but not received any response from the latter till date.

The Commission is now inquiring about the result of the request made by the Mission to the Japanese Government. In view of this, I will be grateful if the matter is followed up with the Foreign Office with a view to eliciting an early response.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Ambassador,

Please refer to your Mission's letter No. Han/103/16/02 dated September 20, 2002 regarding the request made to the Government of Vietnam for making available documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission is pressing us hard for the requisite information. I will, therefore, be grateful if the matter is followed up with the concerned authorities with a view to eliciting an early response from them.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Saurabh Kumar
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D.B. Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor (Political)

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No. MOS/POL/125/1/90

June 10, 2003

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 22 April, 2003 regarding letter received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. This is to update on action taken by the Embassy on the letter under reference.

2. All persons listed in the affidavit submitted by Dr. Purabi Roy have been requested to convey whether they would be available for examination by the Commission and, if so, the dates, hours and places when and where they would like to be examined as witnesses, except the following:

- i) Mr. V.I. Kulev has passed away.
- ii) Mr. Mr. V.N. Plastun is no longer living in Moscow and is reported to have shifted to Novosibirsk. His whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.
- iii) Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov, his whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.
- iv) Mr. E.M. Morosov, details of his whereabouts and contact address is being ascertained.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

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No. JMCI//Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol. Kolkata, dated, 23rd June'03.
II)/133.

From : Shri M.Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

S.NO 120/c

I am sending herewith a XEROX copy of the letter dated 22.5.03 from Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library as also of the write-up received from her by e-mail as desired by you in your letter no. 25/4/Ngo-Vol.IX dated 13.5.03, for further action at your end.

Enclosures : Four

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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From: Mary W. George <mwgeorge@Princeton.EDU>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 1:35 AM
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American) National Republic of 1954]]

Dear P. K. Sengupta:

Princeton's Main Catalog says we hold the *National Republic* for 1954, but the set is in a remote storage facility. We can provide a copy of the Ericson article if you make an interlibrary loan request through your own library. We will also need a complete citation to the article (or at least the beginning page) so that we can request the correct volume from storage. Information about our interlibrary loan service to other libraries, and about the fees we charge, is on this web page:

<http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/ils/lending.html>

Sincerely,
Mary George
Princeton University Library

Subject: An article about/on Subhas Chandra Bose by Elliot Erikson in an issue of (American)National Republic of 1954
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 16:15:05 +0530
From: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
To: mudd@Princeton.EDU
CC: truman.library@nara.gov

.To: The Librarian / Director.

It is learnt that an article on/about Subhas Chandra Bose ,authored by one Elliot Ericson ,appeared in an issue of 1954 of (American)National Republic, a monthly magazine.If it is true and the Magazine is in your library\archives, may I request you to kindly send an authenticated copy of the article by post/fax/e-mail?The article is relevant for an ongoing inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose .

Warm regards.

PK Sengupta

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FAX MESSAGE

No. SPB/103/1/2001(part)

30th June, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

Please refer to my earlier fax message of even number dated 14th May, 2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We have just been informed that Professor Y.V. Petchenko, succumbed to ill health and left for his heavenly abode last week. We were not able to meet him as he was hospitalized all the time and as such could not hand over the letter to him.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ashok Kumar Sharma

(Ashok Kumar Sharma)
Consul General

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceeding(Follow-Up) /
99-2000/48(IV)/140.

Kolkata, dated, 24th June' 03.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

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To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 11.06.03, addressed to Shri Ravi Bangar, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Singapore, a copy of which has been endorsed to and received by the Commission without any enclosures as stated in the said endorsement.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send to the Commission the said enclosures as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No.LON/POL/103/17/00

June 17, 2003

Dear Vijay,

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This is in response to your letter NO.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX of April 29, 2003 regarding release of classified documents for the examination of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

As you are aware, I had written to the FCO urging them to reconsider the decision regarding release of British intelligence records.

I have now received the enclosed letter from the FCO which speaks for itself.

We may convey to JMC.

Warm regards.

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Sh. Swarup

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Swarup)

Encl: as above.



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22 May 2003

Vikas Swarup
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Dear Vikas

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April about official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry that this was overlooked whilst I was in India.

I have again made enquiries of our Records and Historical Department (RHD) and they confirm that our position remains unchanged as set out in Iain Lindsay's letter of 14 December 2001 to Mr Puri. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

I am sorry that I am not able to say anything more helpful on this.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Thomson
Head of India Section
South Asia Department



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated June 27, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/63 dated 16.5.2003 regarding action taken report by this Ministry in respect of matters contained in the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002.

As desired by the Commission, the action taken report in respect of all the concerned countries is as under:

UK : As the Commission is aware, the issue of de-classification of all relevant British documents has been taken up with the concerned authorities in the UK through our Mission in London. Our Mission has again reminded the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on this issue and emphasized the urgency of the matter. Further developments are awaited.

USA: We had informed the Commission vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 4.02.2002 that all documents once declassified are no longer retained by the US Government, and that these are stored in various documentation centers like National Archives, etc. We had further informed that, under the provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only by giving specific details of the documents. Subsequently, some documents have been procured from the National Archives of USA & Records Administration, Maryland (forwarded to the Commission vide our letter of even number dated 22.4.2003) and, MacArthur Memorial Library and Truman Library (forwarded to the Commission vide our letter of even number dated 7.5.2003).

Russia : The Commission is aware that all the documents obtained through the Russian Foreign Office were forwarded by us vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001. A further reference was made to the Russian Foreign Office on the basis of the observations made by the Commission in their letter dated 11.11.2002. The response of the Russian Foreign Office dated 20.3.2003 was sent to the Commission vide our letter of even number dated 22.4.2003.

Armenia : The Commission was informed vide our letter dated 25.4.2003 that there are no relevant documents in Armenia.

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Azerbaijan : The requisite information is awaited from the Mission. They have been reminded.

Belarus and Lithuania : The list of archives in these countries was sent to the Commission vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated 28.2.2003. Subsequently, we have asked our Mission in Minsk to check whether any relevant documents are available in the archives of these two countries. The information is awaited.

Georgia : We are awaiting the requisite information from our Mission.

Tajikistan : The requisite information is awaited. We have reminded our Mission to send us the information quickly.

Turkmenistan : The Commission was informed vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated 28.2.2003 that there are no relevant documents in the archives of this country.

Ukraine : The list of archives in Ukraine was sent to the Commission with our letter of 11.2.2003. The information as to whether there are any relevant documents in these archives is awaited from our Mission.

Uzbekistan : We have reminded our Mission to send us the information quickly.

Japan : Our Mission in Tokyo had approached the Government of Japan to make available all relevant documents. However, inspite of having reminded the Japanese Government on several occasions, no response has been received so far from their side. We have asked our Mission to follow up the matter for an early response.

Vietnam : No response has been received by our Mission in Hanoi to their request to the Government of Vietnam for relevant documents. The matter is being followed up.

Taiwan : No relevant records are available.

Thailand : No response has been received from the Foreign Office of the Government of Thailand to the request for documents made by our Mission in Bangkok. Reminders have been sent on this issue.

Malaysia : Response of the Malaysian Foreign Office is awaited. Matter is being followed up.

Singapore : The Government of Singapore has sent some information which has been sent separately to the Commission vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 11.6.2003.

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Germany : The German Foreign Office has conveyed that the request made to them is too general in nature. They have inquired if our search could be more specific in which case they would see if the information we are seeking is available.

Ireland : Our Mission has approached the National Archives in Ireland as suggested by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. Further response is awaited.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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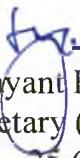
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Apropos the communication from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerning archival material said to be in the possession of U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, I had written to the U.S. DCM on 17th June, to which we have now received a self-explanatory response dated 17th June. The text of the two letters are attached.

Since all the available records are with the U.S. National Archives, it would be best to advise the Commission to depute a scholar to go through the archival material in order to ascertain whether relevant information is available or not.

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Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (USC)
25.6.2003

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Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (USC)
Tel: 23792070
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No. 1915/55(UK)/03

June 17, 2003

My dear Mr.

In connection with material Government of India is obliged to provide to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, our Mission in Washington D.C. had been in correspondence with the National Archives and Records Administration, Maryland. This office has indicated, inter alia, that certain records relating to Netaji are available with the American Embassy and Consulates in India. The text of the communication received from this office (dated 13th March 2003) is attached for ready reference. The Justice Mukherjee Commission has advised the Ministry of External Affairs to take up the matter with the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi immediately to facilitate access of the Commission to the records said to be available with the Embassy and Consulates in India. We shall be grateful for a response from the Embassy as soon as convenient.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jayant Prasad

Encl: As above

Mr. Albert A. Thibault
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of the United States of America
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi.

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Embassy of the United States of America

New Delhi
June 23, 2003

Mr. Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary
US-Canada Division
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi

Ref: Your 1915/JS (USC) 03

Dear Jayant:

I write in reply to your letter of June 17, 2003 in which you refer to the obligation on the Government of India to provide certain information to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. You note that an inquiry by the Indian Embassy in Washington elicited a statement from the National Archives and Records Administration that the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and our Consulates in India would be in possession of records bearing on the Commission's deliberations.

However, notwithstanding the belief expressed by an official of the Archives, there are no documents relevant to the period or to the disappearance of Mr. Bose in storage at either the Embassy or the Consulates in India. The policy of the Department of State is to retire almost all official records (other than on administrative matters germane to property transactions etc.) on a regular basis with the objective of not maintaining records for a longer period than approximately two years. These records are forwarded to the National Archives for disposition and storage.

With reference to archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Mr. Bose, as identified in the letter which you have attached to your own communication, I would suggest that, as a practical matter, the Commission select an Indian scholar or graduate student working in the United States to perform such research. Such an approach might benefit

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both the Commission and the scholar or graduate student while keeping expenses to a minimum.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Albert Thibault
Deputy Chief of Mission



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No. Dub/321/1/03

25 June 2003

My dear Joint Secretary,

This is in continuation of Ambassador's message of even number dated 27 May 2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of enquiry on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2 The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs has informed us to approach their National Archives and the same has been done. We will pass on the information as and when provided by the National Archives office to this Mission.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(N.J. Gangte)

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II) Kolkata, dated, 18th June'03.
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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol-II) /558 dated 26.02.03 (copy enclosed). I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know how the matter stands at present.

Enclosure : As stated.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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February 26, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
The Joint Secretary (CNE)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No.
25/4/NGO - Vol. VIII dated 3.12.02 and to request you
to kindly take appropriate action to help the
Commission have access to the documents referred to
in the letter dated 01.11.2002 of Shri Nandalal Chakraborty
which was enclosed with the Commission's letter No.
JMC/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated 27.11.2002.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty.

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No.I-12014/13/2000-NCB
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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New Delhi dated 6.6.03

Subject: Regarding photographs of the scene of the plane crash as also at the Hospital after the alleged death of Netaji.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/71 dated 27.5.03 regarding photographs taken at the scene of the plane crash and the photographs taken at the Hospital after the alleged death of Netaji.

We have made vigorous efforts to search these documents/photographs in the records of this Ministry but could not lay our hands on any such document. Before any committal position is informed to the Commission, it is requested that efforts may please be made in the Cabinet Secretariat, PMO, DIB, MEA, M/o Defence and National Archives of India to see if such photographs mentioned therein are available in that Ministry/Departement. If so, the result of the efforts to locate the above photographs may please be communicated to JMCI under intimation to this Ministry.

Pls. qn.

J.S.(Conv)

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Spoken. Please

check if these
photographs are available
with us and put up
a response accordingly.

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(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

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- 2) The Deputy Secretary,
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(Attn: Shri Ravi Mital)
- 3) The Joint Secretary,
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(Attn: Shri Jayant Prasad)

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- 4) Director (History),
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(Attn: Shri G.B. Singh)
- 5) The Assistant Director,
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Copy to: The Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block, (Third Floor) 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087.

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II) / 71
Kolkata, dated, May 27, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter No. AG 201 Bose (16th Sept., '45) GB dated October 11, 1945 from the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the allied powers addressed to the Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, 25 D.C. (copy enclosed) and the enclosure thereto which is a purported copy of three-page summary of information regarding Subhas Chandra Bose (copy enclosed) and to request you to make endeavours to get the photographs of the scene of the plane crash as also the photographs taken at the Hospital after the alleged death of Netaji and to send to the Commission the prints of those photographs along with the negatives thereof as early as possible since para 4 at page 3 of the said Summary reveals that, according to Habibur Rahman, photos were taken at the scene of the plane crash as also at the Hospital after the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose and that those photos were then in the possession of the Japanese War Office in Tokyo.

I am further directed to state that those photos appear to have not been produced before the Khosla Commission and the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee.

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Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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AG 201 Bose (16 Sep 45) 03

11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

TO : Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.
(Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2)

1. Reference is made to War Department radio W 65374 of 18 September regarding the death of Indian Puppet Leader, Chandra Bose, and reply thereto by this headquarters in radio ZAK 5634 of 19 September.

2. Bose's former deputy Chief of Staff and Aide de Camp, Rukman Khan, who survived the airplane accident, was interrogated in Tokyo. A resume is transmitted herewith as Inclosure 1.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

H. W. Miller
H. W. MILLER,
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SUMMARY OF 1. INFORMATION - Subhas Chandra Bose Continued

On 22 August 1945, the body was admitted to the hospital cemetery and on 27 August 1945, the ashes were removed by Lieutenant and Major McIntosh.

Rahman advised that on 31 August 1945, he was removed to the Japanese Army Hospital at Mukto, Formosa. On 4 September 1945, he accompanied the ashes of Bose to Oifu, Japan, from where he traveled by rail to Tokyo, arriving on 6 September 1945. Rahman was met by 2d Lt (FNG) Nagawa, a Japanese representative of the General Staff, who took him to Mr. Rama Murti's residence. Due to the crowded conditions, Rahman moved to the residence of Mrs. A. M. Ghose, Kameido-ku, 1 chome #103, Tokyo, where he remained for five or six days. Arrangements were made for him to remain with Mr. Rama Murti until such time as his residence could be prepared for occupancy.

The ashes of Bose were delivered to Rama Murti who retained them until 13 September 1945, at which time prayers were held and the ashes placed in the Renkogi Temple. The services were attended by numerous Indian Nationals in Tokyo.

According to Rahman, photos were taken at the scene of the crash and also at the hospital after the death of Bose. The photos are at present in possession of the "Japanese War Office" in Tokyo.

Rahman further stated that he was questioned by Lt. Gen. Tanaka relative to the death of Mr. Bose some time between 7 and 10 September 1945.

At the time of departure from Singapore, Bose carried with him four pieces of luggage and one briefcase which contained personal effects and official correspondence. At Saigon, he was forced to leave one of the pieces because of the overload on the aircraft, whereupon he rearranged his luggage and disposed of portions of his personal clothing. Mr. Bose's personal effects and the official correspondence were destroyed at the time of the accident.

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23 September 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information concerning the circumstances of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the Indian National Army, was obtained on 24 September 1945, through interview of Habib ur-Rahman Khan, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Aide to Camp to Bose, at the Tokyo residence of Ramakrishna Murti, head of the Indian Independence League:

Rahman held the rank of Colonel and was the Deputy Chief of Staff under Chief of Staff, Major General J. X. Bhonsle. He was also the aide de camp to Bose, with headquarters in Singapore, China. Rahman revealed that on 16 August 1945 he accompanied Bose on a proposed trip to Tokyo, Japan, to negotiate with the Japanese Government as to the disposition of the India National Army, but the plane in which they were riding crashed and Bose was killed. The following is the itinerary described by Rahman:

16 August 1945

0800 Departed Singapore
 1500 Arrived Bangkok - Remained overnight

17 August 1945

0800 Departed Bangkok
 1100 Arrived Saigon - Changed planes
 1700 Departed Saigon
 1845 Arrived Toulone, French Indo China
 Remained overnight

18 August 1945

0700 Departed Toulone
 1400 Arrived Taihoku - ate lunch
 1435 Departed Taihoku - plane crashed

According to Rahman, the plane had not gained much altitude after the take-off from Taihoku, when he heard a

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary [CNV]

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

June 24, 2003

Dear Shri Rakesh

Sw. 127.

Please refer to your D.O. No.1/12014/13/2000-IS-D-V (Vol. IV) dated 16th June 2003 regarding the question of conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple Tokyo.

2. As you are aware, the subject matter of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerns primarily the MHA. The role of the MEA is that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the commission to conduct enquiries abroad or search for documents abroad. Therefore, the decision as to whether the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan is to be subjected to DNA analysis, the manner in which it is to be done, the selection of an appropriate DNA expert and the entire process involved is a policy decision that is not within the purview of this Ministry. Once MHA have taken the decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, the Renkoji Temple authorities, etc., are concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.



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Dy No. 2590 JS (CNV) / 03
Dated: 18 / 6 / 03

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

गृह मंत्रालय

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Dated: the 16th June, 2003

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Dear Shri Gokhale,

Please refer to your D.O. Letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 6th February, 2003 regarding the question of conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Renkoji temple, Tokyo.

2. The matter has been considered in this Ministry and it is suggested that MEA may depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert to determine whether they can be subjected to DNA test as desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Further, necessary formalities for reopening of the casket may be observed in consultation with the Chief Priest, Reverend Mochizuki.

With regards,

Pl.spt. 'Netaji' issue is a MHA matter.
 MEA is only a facilitator inasmuch as
 I dip. Museums abroad are under our
 control. MHA should select/depute the
 expert; our role is logistics.

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
 Joint Secretary (CNV),
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

(RAKESH)

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NO. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding(Follow-Up)/
99-2000/48(IV)/110. Kolkata, dated, 10th JUNE '03.

FROM : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty.

Dy No. 2581...JS (CNV) / 03
Dated: 17/6/03

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/38 dated 28.04.03 and to say that the Commission is yet to be informed of the result of the inquiry which was to be made in Singapore as requested in para 2 of the Commission's letter No. 479 dated 26.12.02.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Kolkata, dated, **June 9, 2003**

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
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By No..... 2582 JIS (CNV) 103
Dated: 17/6/03

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 07.04.03 wherein it has been stated, interalia, that you have asked your Missions in Belarus, Ukraine and Armenia to check whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the archives of the countries concerned, and to say that the Commission has so far been apprised of the position in the archives under the Govt. of Armenia vide your D.O. letter of even No. dated 25.04.03.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly favour this Commission with your report on whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the archives of Belarus and Ukraine.

US (RM)
M. Roy
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Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
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Officer on Special Duty

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No.Lon/Pol/103/17/2000

5th June, 2003

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry wishes to access records of communications between General MacArthur and Lord Mountbatten relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Our Embassy in Washington had approached the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland for the above, but was advised that the requisite records may be available in the British Public Record Office.

I would be grateful for your assistance in ascertaining whether these records exist in the British Public Record Office.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Vikas Swarup)

Mr. Jonathan Thomson
Head, India Section
South Asian Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London

Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), w.r.t. his letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated April 22, 2003. Also enclosed is information pertaining to the National Forensic Laboratories in the UK.

From regard,

(Vikas Swarup)

8h Jun

Mr. Jonathan Thomson
Head, India Section
South Asian Department
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 The Forensic Science Service

- ▶ is an executive agency of the UK Home Office.
- ▶ is the market leader in the supply of forensic science services to police forces in England and Wales, as well as being a source of training, consultancy, and scientific support for many overseas and private sector customers, including law enforcement agencies in 60 countries worldwide.
- ▶ is in the vanguard of forensic science technology and has an unrivalled reputation for the integrity, impartiality and accuracy of its findings.
- ▶ employs over 2500 people, including over 1600 trained scientists, many of whom are world authorities in their fields.
- ▶ has seven laboratories throughout the country, each one equipped with the latest technology and accredited under UKAS (NAMAS) and BSI QA 9000 series quality standards.
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Purpose of the Forensic Science Service

The FSS pioneered the use of DNA profiling in forensic science and set up the world's first national criminal intelligence DNA Database - launched in April 1995.

The purpose of the FSS is to serve the administration of justice principally by providing scientific support in the investigation of crime and expert evidence to the courts. It aims to do so with efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

As part of the Home Office, the FSS was established as an Executive Agency in April 1991. In April 1996, the FSS was merged with the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory - becoming a truly national service. It is by far the largest supplier of forensic science services in the UK.

On April 1, 1999 the FSS was given Trading Fund status, which allows it to retain surplus cash at the end of each financial year and carry it over to the next - to be spent on improving the service to customers.

The FSS is a non-profit making organisation. Charging by the FSS, which began in 1991, was born out of the 1988 Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs so that its capacity could be aligned with the demand for its services.

This has enabled the FSS to develop commercially and offer services to private, public and overseas customers as well as the 43 police forces in England and Wales and other police forces such as the Ministry of Defence Police and British Transport Police as well as the Crown Prosecution Service and HM Customs and Excise

For the past 30 years, it has run a research facility which has been responsible for many significant forensic science breakthroughs and innovations - particularly in the application of DNA technology.

The FSS pioneered the use of DNA profiling in forensic science and set up the world's first national criminal intelligence DNA Database - launched in April 1995.

The Database matches DNA samples from scenes of crime - for example from blood or semen - and matches them with individuals or other crime.

The FSS deals with around 100,000 cases each year. Scientists give evidence in court around 2,510 times and attend around 1,200 crime scenes.

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The FSS's international activities are focussed in providing direct support for Central Government's aims and objectives. We work closely with other Government Departments and provide scientific expertise, casework support and consultancy in liaison with;

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- ▶ The Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- ▶ The Department for International Development
- ▶ Specialist units and departments dealing with
 - ▶ International terrorism
 - ▶ International organised crime, particularly where it has an impact on Organised Crime in the United Kingdom
- ▶ The National Criminal Intelligence Service
- ▶ Interpol
- ▶ HM Customs and Excise
- ▶ British Police Forces investigating crime involving British Nationals abroad

We are actively involved in the European Union funded PHARE Institution Building Twinning programme providing support to Candidate Countries negotiating accession to the European Union. Under this programme we provide long-term advisors and Short Term Experts delivering training and consultancy in a number of Justice and Home Affairs related projects.

Our areas of activity include assistance in developing DNA Databases, Quality Management Systems, strategic development, awareness and technical training.

We have been involved in PHARE projects in Poland, have recently finished a 15-month project in the Czech Republic and are about to deliver a 2-year project in Lithuania.

More details about the United Kingdom's contribution to the PHARE programme can be found on the FCO's website www.fco.gov.uk.

Other countries where we have been active in the last 12 months include Romania, Latvia, Greece, Serbia, Kuwait and Sierra Leone.

The FSS is also an active member of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) and its various Working Group's. ENFSI's role is to promote good practice and co-operation between its 41 members from 27 countries.

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Senior management structure

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Chief Scientist

Dr. Bob Bramley - rkb@fss.org.uk

The Chief Scientist has a non executive role in the FSS. He provides independent advice on professional standards and related matters, and assurance to the chief executive that the quality of casework is under control.

Customer Relations Director

Mr. Phil Jones - pjj02@fss.org.uk

Phil Jones' role is to lead the customer relations team in working with the customer and FSS operations to provide a better service to customers.

Chief Operating Officer Director

Dr. Mike Loveland - mrl@fss.org.uk

Overarches the areas of service delivery, customer relations and human resources (HR).

Business Development Director / Deputy Chief Executive

Mr. Trevor Howitt - thh@fss.org.uk

"My primary objective is to ensure that the FSS undertakes those projects, initiatives and developments that are required to best equip the FSS to meet customers' changing needs over the next five years."

Finance Director

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Rod looks after finance, procurement, legal and estates.

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"My role is to ensure the delivery of the service our customers need, alongside our success as a business. This means driving timeliness and consistency and ensuring that we make best use of well trained and motivated staff."

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Mr. Colin Bradley - cbr@fss.org.uk

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Mr. Alan Matthews - amt02@fss.org.uk

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"There are two main strands of our work which reflect the two way process of communication itself. Firstly, to listen to our customers and ensure that the FSS quickly identifies any developing customer and stakeholder requirements. Our second focus will be to communicate effectively."

Corporate Change Programme Director

Mrs. Becky Sparkes - rls@fss.org.uk

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Planning Unit Director

Miss Alison Cobban - ajc@fss.org.uk

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FAX MESSAGE

No.Berl/Pol/161/4/02

11 June 2003

From : Indembassy, Berlin

To : Foreign, New Delhi.

JS (CNV) from DCM

Dear Vijay,

Reference your D.O. letter no. and fax no.25/4/NCIO-Vol.IX dated February 3 and May 13 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of inquiry relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The MFA have responded verbally that our request for information is too general and, as such, they could, at best, refer us to certain scholars who have done research on Netaji. They have inquired if our request could be made more specific in which case they would see if the information we seek is available.

3. Netaji's daughter, Mrs. Anita Bose Pfaff, met I.M in Munich on 29th May 2003. She expressed the hope that the Commission would complete its work at an early date and would come to some definitive conclusions.

4. I regret the delay in responding to your message. The Foreign Office has only just responded; also, the Prime Minister's visit kept us occupied.

Regards,

(Amit Dasgupta)
Deputy Chief of Mission

P.S. Pls. write M.
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NO. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A(II)/93(7) Kolkata, dated 04.06.2003.

From : Shri M.Roy IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1. The Secretary,
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2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block,
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3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
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4. The Secretary,
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5. The Secretary,
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Government of India, South Block,
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6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat,
Government of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi-110004.

7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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Sub : Status Report from 01.05.2003
to 31.05.2003.

IS(CNV)
AB
JS(RM)
Ref : Your office letter No.I/12014/1/2000-
IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2003.

Sh.Sen
sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

M.Roy
04.6.03

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated abcve.

Officer on Special Duty

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.05.2003 to 31.05.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.04.2003 to 30.04.2003 forwarded under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A(II)/50(7) dated May 06, 2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in paras 3,5,8, & 15 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
3. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in their letter No.1/12014/13/2000-IS (D.V) dated 28.04.03, have stated, inter alia, that despite various efforts, the Ministry of Home Affairs' File No.24/27/71-Pol.-II could not be traced. Hence, the reports/particulars/documents as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs and mentioned in para 13 of the Status Report for the month of February , 2002 could not be obtained by the Commission from the Ministry of Home Affairs.
4. The clarifications sought for from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/39 dated April 28, 2003 in respect of Serial Nos. (ii),(iii),(iv),(v) and (vi) of para 2 of letter No.281/12/1/2000-IS dated 13.11.2002 of the Cabinet Secretariat are yet to be received.
5. The Commission in its letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 has indicated all the correspondence made by it and the replies/responses thereto received by it regarding feasibility of D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains of

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 10.04.2003 : "Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton..... but there is a precondition stipulated by him This is 'anthropological evaluation of remains, including photography'. He has categorically written, 'we would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding'.....".

As the Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of D.N.A. test on that mortal remains, it has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the request 'to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains'. A copy of the said letter dated 10.04.2003 along with its enclosures was forwarded for information and necessary action to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India..

The response of the Government of India is still being anxiously awaited.

6. A xerox copy of the letter dated 10.02.2003 of Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and four others and xerox copies of the enclosures thereto, which is a list of documents exhibited by the witnesses before Justice Khosla Commission, have been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 with the request to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the said letter dated 10.02.2003 and its enclosures. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 28, 2003 of Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, it has been stated, inter alia, that copies/originals of all the documents related to Justice Khosla Commission would be available only with the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the letter dated 1st November, 1951 of Shri Subimal Dutta, the then Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri A. M. Sahay, and the letter dated 17th January, 1952 of Shri A. M. Sahay to

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Shri Subimal Dutta were sent in original by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/15 dated 11.04.2003 to kindly send immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents as called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003,a copy of which appears to have been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs earlier in response to which the Ministry of External Affairs wrote the aforesaid d.o. letter dated March 28, 2003 to the Secretary of the Commission. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is still awaited.

7. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2003/87/67 dated May 22, 2003 the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been drawn to the Order of the Commission communicated to him by Commission's letters No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11th December, 2002 and No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2002/87/577 dated March 5, 2003 as also to the letter No. 1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V) dated 28.04.2003 received from Mr. U.K.Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, indicating, inter alia, the nature and extent of repeated non-compliance of the order and directions of the Commission and communicating the directions of the Commission to ensure that the reports asked for in the letters dated 9/11.12.2002 and 05.03.2003 of the Commission, reach the Commission as early as possible, but not later than 30th June, 2003.
8. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro

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Okura, so that the Commission may have access to those documents. It has also been pointed out therein that from the materials before the Commission it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was issued on 18.08.1945; that from the certified copy of extract from the original document on Cremation Permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1956 and that the original document on cremation permit was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e., long after the end of the Second World War. In the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX-I dated February 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary, C.N.V., Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated, inter alia : "we have asked our Embassy to seek the requisite clarifications and obtain the desired documents from the Government of Japan. The matter is under reference to the concerned authorities in Japan. We are waiting to hear from them on this issue. We shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities." The Commission has not heard further from the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter.

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9. Report solicited by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated December 5, 2002 on the outcome of further inquiry pursuant to the communication dated May 8, 2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain, Consul, St. Petersburg addressed to the Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which was enclosed with the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 31, 2002 of the Ministry of External Affairs, is yet to be received.
10. The action taken by the Indian Embassy in Moscow regarding their checking with the witnesses indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's registered letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Vol.II)/621 dated 01.04.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as mentioned in para 5 of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Ministry is still awaited.
11. (a) By Commission's letter No.398 dated November 11, 2002 the Ministry of External Affairs have been requested, inter alia, to kindly pursue with the Government of the U.K. closely to get declassified all relevant classified British

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documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or INA which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of the U.K. as also to persuade the Government of the Russian Federation, the U.S.A., Japan, Thailand, Malayaesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible to the Commission all documents classified/declassified/unclassified containing the evidence/materials relating to and/or having relevance to the points of enquiry of the Commission which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or in the various archives of those countries. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated February 28, 2003 have stated that no response has been received from the British authorities regarding declassification of classified British documents; that the Indian Missions in various countries have taken up the matter of making available all records, relevant to the points of inquiry, in their possession or under their control; and that regarding the matters furnished by Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy as stated in the penultimate para of the Commission's aforesaid letter No. 398 dated November 11, 2002, the Indian Mission in ^{Moscow} Tokyo has been asked to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents with specific reference to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. Purabi Roy. After receipt of the said d.o. letter dated February 28, 2003 of the Ministry of External Affairs, we have received another d.o.letter from them bearing No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated May 7, 2003 wherewith some documents relating to the communication between President Truman and Gen. Mac. Arthur have been sent to the Commission and it has also received some papers from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/75 dated May 27, 2003 the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to the letter dated March 13, 2003 of the Director, Textual Archives Services Division of the National Archives and Records Administration, USA addressed to Shri S.K. Behra, Councillor, Embassy of India (Chancery) which has been sent to the Commission as an enclosure to the aforesaid d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry

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of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Secretary of the said Ministry has been requested to kindly take up the matter immediately so that the Commission may get access to the records related to Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose admitted to be available in the records of the American Embassy and Consulates in India.

(b) A complete list of the names and addresses of all the archives in the Russian Union, as called for in Commission's letter No. 134 dated 21.06.2002 followed by reminders No. 257 dated August 14, 2002 and No. 348 dated 27.09.2002 is yet to be received, though lists of some / all archives of some of the States which were within the erstwhile USSR could be received from the Ministry of External Affairs in pursuance of the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated November 11, 2002 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on the subject : "Documents, Records, Files, etc. relating to and/or having relevance to the points of inquiry which are in the possession or under the control of the Governments of the UK, the USA, the Russian Federation and other States which were within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, etc", wherein the attention of the said Joint Secretary has also been drawn to the Commission's aforesaid letter No.348 dated September 27, 2002.

(c) By Commission's letters No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/71 dated May 27, 2003 and No.JMCI/Overseas/2002-03/70(II)/72 dated May 27, 2003, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, respectively have been requested to make endeavours to get the photographs of the scene of the plane crash as also the photographs taken at the hospital after the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and to send to the Commission the print of those photographs along with negatives thereof as early as possible since para 4 at page 3 of a purported copy of three-page summary of information regarding Subhas Chandra Bose made by General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific, which has been sent as an enclosure to the letter dated October 11, 1945 of the General Headquarters, Supreme Commander For The Allied Powers addressed to the Chief of Staff, War Department,

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Washington 25, D C. reveals that, according to Habibur Rahman, the said photos were taken at the scene of the plane crash as also at the hospital after the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose and that those photos were then in the possession of the Japanese War Office in Tokyo. It has also been stated in the Commission's said letters that those photos do not appear to have been produced before the Khosla Commission and the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee.

(d) By Commission's letters No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(H)/76 dated May 27, 2003 and No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(H)/77 dated May 27, 2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Director General, National Archives of India, respectively have been furnished with copies of an article titled, "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India" authored by Elliot Ericson which allegedly appeared in February, 1954 in the National Republic, a monthly American Magazine, as stated in an affidavit, filed before the Commission and the said addressees have been requested to kindly obtain an authenticated copy of the article since the Commission has no Library of its own through which inter library loan service may be sought for from the Princeton University Library as suggested in the letter dated May 22, 2003 received by e-Mail from Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library. The said addressees have also been furnished with copies of the said letter dated May 22, 2003.

12. (a) The report of the second handwriting expert regarding verification of the handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnnami Baba' of Faizabad with the admitted specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is yet to be received.

(b) The reports of the Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad regarding D.N.A. tests of the blood samples of two sons of the two elder brothers of Netaji and of one of the descendants belonging to the maternal lineage of Netaji as also of the teeth allegedly belonging to 'Gumnnami Baba,' are yet to be received.



(P. K. Sengupta)
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
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I am directed to refer to the letter No. AG 201 Bose (16th Sept., '45) GB dated October 11, 1945 from the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the allied powers addressed to the Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, 25 D.C. (copy enclosed) and the enclosure thereto which is a purported copy of three-page summary of information regarding Subhas Chandra Bose (copy enclosed) and to request you to make endeavours to get the photographs of the scene of the plane crash as also the photographs taken at the Hospital after the alleged death of Netaji and to send to the Commission the prints of those photographs along with the negatives thereof as early as possible since para 4 at page 3 of the said Summary reveals that, according to Habibur Rahman, photos were taken at the scene of the plane crash as also at the Hospital after the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose and that those photos were then in the possession of the Japanese War Office in Tokyo.

I am further directed to state that those photos appear to have not been produced before the Khosla Commission and the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee.

Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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AG 201 Dose (16 Sep 45)GB

11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

TO : Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.
(Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2)

1. Reference is made to War Department radio W 65374 of 18 September regarding the death of Indian Puppet Leader, Chandra Bose, and reply thereto by this headquarters in radio ZAX 5634 of 19 September.

2. Bose's former deputy Chief of Staff and Aide de Camp, Rabian Khan, who survived the airplane accident, was interrogated in Tokyo. A resume is transmitted herewith as Inclosure 1.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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On 28 August 1945, the body was admitted to the hospital mortuary and on 17 August 1945, the ashes were removed by Rahman and Major Maitra.

Rahman advised that on 31 August 1945, he was removed to the Japanese Army Hospital at Hukto, Formosa. On 4 September 1945, he accompanied the ashes of Bose to Gifu, Honshu, Japan, from where he traveled by rail to Tokyo, arriving on 6 September 1945. Rahman was met by 2d Lt (FIE) Nagayama, a Japanese representative of the General Staff, who took him to Mr. Ramji Murti's residence. Due to the crowded conditions, Rahman moved to the residence of Mrs. A. M. Sabay, Kasaihonchubo, 1 chome #103, Tokyo, where he remained for five or six days. Arrangements were made for him to remain with Mr. Ramji Murti until such time as his residence could be prepared for occupancy.

The ashes of Bose were delivered to Ramji Murti who retained them until 23 September 1945, at which time prayers were held and the ashes placed in the Renkogi Temple. The services were attended by numerous Indian nationals in Tokyo.

According to Rahman, photos were taken at the scene of the crash and also at the hospital after the death of Bose. The photos are at present in possession of the "Japanese War Office" in Tokyo.

Rahman further advised that he was questioned by Lt. Yamamoto relative to the death of Mr. Bose some time between 7 and 10 September 1945.

At the time of departure from Singapore, Bose carried with him four pieces of luggage and one briefcase which contained personal effects and official correspondence. At Saigon, he was forced to leave one of the pieces because of the overload on the aircraft, whereupon he rearranged his luggage and disposed of portions of his personal clothing. Mr. Bose's personal effects and the official correspondence were destroyed at the time of the accident.

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GEN. SHABUHQ CHIEF
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APO 350
28 September 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information concerning the circumstances of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the Indian National Army, was obtained on 24 September 1945, through interview of Habib ur-Rahman Khan, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Aide to Camp to Bose, at the Tokyo residence of Ramakrishna Murty, head of the Indian Independence League:

Rahman held the rank of Colonel and was the Deputy Chief of Staff under Chief of Staff, Major General J. X. Bhonsle. He was also the aide de camp to Bose, with headquarters in Singapore, China. Rahman revealed that on 16 August 1945 he accompanied Bose on a proposed trip to Tokyo, Japan, to negotiate with the Japanese Government as to the disposition of the India National Army, but the plane in which they were riding crashed and Bose was killed. The following is the itinerary described by Rahman:

16 August 1945

1000 Departed Singapore
1500 Arrived Bangkok - Remained overnight

17 August 1945

0800 Departed Bangkok
1100 Arrived Saigon - Changed planes
1700 Departed Saigon
1800 Arrived Tournon, French Indo China
Remained overnight

18 August 1945

0700 Departed Tournon
1400 Arrived Taihoku - ate lunch
1430 Departed Taihoku - plane crashed

According to Rahman, the plane had not gained much altitude after the take-off from Taihoku, when he heard a

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terrific explosion and felt the plane vibrating violently. He later learned that the plane had lost the propeller from its port engine and was out of control. The pilot made an effort to land but was unable to regain control and the plane crashed at the end of the airfield. Rahman stated that he was not rendered unconscious and noticed immediately after the crash that the interior of the plane broke into flame at the nose and tail. Due to the terrific crash, the canopy overhead was broken and it was through this opening that those not too seriously injured or instantly killed escaped from the burning plane. He revealed that he had no knowledge of how Bose escaped or was removed from the plane. He stated that upon alighting from the plane he noticed his own coat afire. He removed it immediately and then saw Bose lying by the plane with his clothing afire, whereupon Rahman went to the aid of Bose and removed his burning clothing. He added that the seat Bose occupied in the aircraft was beside a petrol tank and at the time of the crash the tank exploded, spreading the burning fuel on Bose's clothing.

It was at this time that vehicles from the airfield came to the crash and removed all persons to the Japanese Military Hospital (Rikugun Byochin) in Taihoku where they received medical treatment. It was later determined that Bose received serious injuries about the head and neck in addition to his severe burns. Rahman received two lacerations on his head, one on his right leg and burns on his hands, arms, and face. According to Rahman, Bose recovered sufficiently to carry on a conversation and complained of the pain in his head and asked him to request that the medical authorities check his blood pressure. Rahman declared that at approximately 2100, 15 August 1945, Bose died of the injuries received in the plane crash. Those present at the time of his death, in addition to the medical authorities, were Rahman and (Fijo) Nakamura of the Japanese Foreign Office in Taihoku. Other passengers in the plane, as named by Rahman, were Lt Gen. Shudel, Lt Col Saito, 5 or 6 other Japanese officers and the crew.

On 20 August 1945, Bose was removed from the hospital and his remains were placed in a box provided by the Japanese. Rahman requested the remains be flown to Singapore or to Tokyo. Major (Fijo) Nagatome, a Japanese Staff Officer with headquarters in Taihoku, informed Rahman on 21 August 1945, that it would be impossible to transport the remains by air due to the size of the box in which Bose was placed. Major Nagatome suggested to Rahman, at that time that the body be cremated and Rahman, after careful consideration, agreed.

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Secretary
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Dated June 13, 2003

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/76 dated 27.5.2003.

The copy of the letter dated May 22, 2003 from Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library as also of the write-up by her in reply to a request of the Commission for an authenticated copy of the article by Elliot Ericson has not been received by us along with your above letter.

It is, therefore, requested that the aforesaid copies may be sent to us for further action at our end.

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Yours faithfully,

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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Enclosed please find a copy of an article titled "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India", authored by Elliot Ericson. This article allegedly appeared in February 1954 in the National Republic, a monthly American Magazine. A copy of this article is an annexure to an affidavit filed before the Commission.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated May 22, 2003 received by e-Mail from Ms. Mary George of Princeton University Library as also of the write-up sent by her in reply to a request of the Commission for an authenticated copy of the article and to request you to kindly obtain an authenticated copy of the article authored by one Elliot Ericson and send the same to the Commission since it has no Library of its own through which Inter Library Loan ~~Borrowing~~ Service may be sought for from the Princeton University Library.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
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(A monthly Magazine of fundamental Americanism - February, 1954)

Jawaharlal Nehru and the Red Threat to India by Elliot Erikson

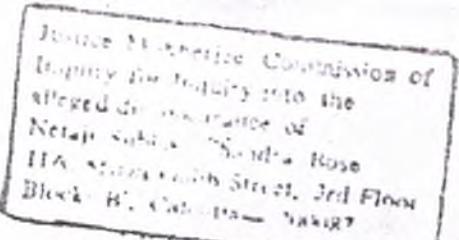
The Indian people are pretty much anti-west by experience as well as by propoganda. England was for them the traditional enemy and oppressor. America had bases in India during the war and when mob-fighting broke out against the English, Americans became involved as a matter of course. To the Indian it is easy to picture American as simply the successor to the throne of English imperialism. Nehru, who knows the Indian mind well, undoubtedly thinks that a strong alliance with the west would mean a disaster.

But the Communist world is able to put much pressure on him. The Military threat to India has been over-estimated especially by circles in the Indian Government, who would like American money without having to give up their present anti-American position. True, Tibet no longer exists as a buffer between the Sub-continent and China. Afghanistan could fall in hours. But the Chinese or the Russian Military invasion still would have to chazzel itself through a handful of small bases and over rugged mountain roads. Armour would find its gasoline supplies hard to furnish and easy to block. Infantry could be bottled up in the Himalayas.

Already, English jets and facilities for maintaining them exist in Pakistan. The fields could be swiftly filled with American Sabers and with tactical atomic bombs that could possibly make the Russo-Chinese invasion of India, a debacie.

The political threat is a different story. Perhaps a major element in the menace is the mystery of the supposedly dead leader Chandra Bose.





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During the war Chandra Bose volunteered his services to the Japanese and led a liberation army which was supposed to help Nippon in its invasion of India. The army accomplished nothing but Chandra Bose increased his standing as a National hero. Before the war he was the Arch-priest of violence in the overthrow of the British. Despite the opposition of both Nehru and Gandhi, he got himself elected as leader of the Congress Party.

Now, for this work with the Japanese Bose is considered a hero by millions, who rioted in the abortive 1942 revolt against the British and who were put down with tanks, arms and tear-gas. Countless families have but true pictures - those of Gandhi and Chandra Bose. Numerous Congress Party officials, even those who strongly opposed Chandra Bose and all he stands for, say that if the unpredictable rebel lived to-day, he, not Nehru, would rule India.

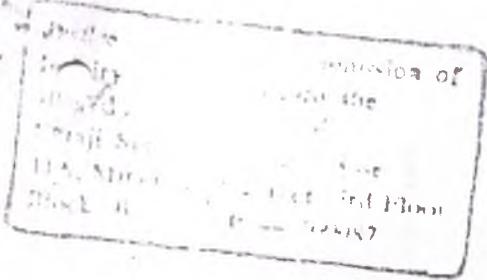
There is a strong possibility that Bose is alive. At the end of the War, when the Japanese front collapsed in Burma, Bose, if he showed himself, ran a great risk of being prosecuted as an international war-criminal. He was supposed to have escaped from Burma by plane and died in a crash.

Yet, numerous people report seeing him after his death, including a nurse in a field-hospital who treated him for minor injuries. His body was never found and Allied Intelligence Officials could find no evidence that he died in the wreckage of the plane he was supposed to have fallen in.

The rumour persists that he soon took another plane, this time to Yenan, the then Capital of Communist China. At that time India was not yet free and Bose could have been hunting for a new possible enemy of England, who would precipitate another war that might collapse the British Empire. World Communism would then be an excellent candidate.

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If Bose is still held prisoner in the Communist China, he could be strung as leader of a Red Liberation of India from Capitalism. The most strongly anti-communist Chinese leaders admit that if such an event happened, Indian resistance to China would collapse immediately.

The internal political threat is a more tangible menace than rumours about a dead man, but the geography of this treat is more important than the numbers.

Before the last Elections Nehru adopted a moderate policy. He was quite strict in showing his neutrality and he always was a sincere believer of peace. In India proper, he talked socialism but listened attentively to his conservative advisers. He believed very strongly that China could be encouraged to break away from Moscow, if China saw it had a strong block of Asian friends to balance against the accidents.

China seized Tibet and the Indian elections threatened his nation with near dissolution. Nehru had to insure support among his own people, and simultaneously to try as much internal peace as he could from Moscow.

From the Kremlin, India is perhaps more useful as a willing panda than an obvious chattel. Nehru undoubtedly gables that the pilot-hero will see if that way and Malenkov so far acts as if he does.

If such is the true set of motives for Nehru's policy, does he gable correctly or by strengthening communism, does he lay the Ernerstone for his and India's political tomb".



No. 25/4/NGO -Vol.IX(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry – Records under the custody of the US Government.

As JS(USC) is aware, we had approached our Mission in Washington to obtain records in the USA relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Consequently, we have received a response from the National Archives and Records Administration, Maryland (copy enclosed) indicating among other things that some records relating to Netaji are available with the American Embassy and Consulates in India. This letter was forwarded to the Commission along with all the enclosures.

2. The Commission has now requested us to take up the matter with the American Embassy immediately to facilitate the access of the Commission to the aforesaid records available in the American Embassy and the Consulates.
3. JS(USC) may, therefore, like to take appropriate action in the matter under intimation to us.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
11th June, 2003

Joint Secretary(USC)

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (IV)

Dated June 11, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

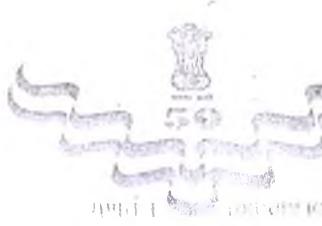
Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept/Compliance/2003/87/86 dated 30.5.2003 regarding action taken by this Ministry on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P.

It is seen from the records in this Ministry that the letter under reference was forwarded to Shri T.R.Agnani, the then Under Secretary (Pol.II) in the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide our U.O. No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 4.11.1970 for necessary action, since it concerned the Netaji Enquiry Commission set up at that time by the Government of India. I would like to mention here that there are no other papers in our records relating to the subject matter under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (III)

Dated June 11, 2003

Subject: Alleged cremation permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/82 dated 29.5.2003 on the above subject.

Our Mission in Tokyo has made several references to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on this issue. The MOFA has informed that they have tried but have not been able to locate the documents so far. They have also contacted their former officials serving at the time, and some living associates of Netaji who have indicated to the MOFA that such documents did in fact exist. The MOFA has conveyed to our Embassy that they are continuing to make further efforts to trace the documents.

Our Embassy is continuing to pursue this matter with the MOFA. We will revert to the Commission on the issue on receipt of a positive response from the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (II)

Dated June 11, 2003

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Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/84 dated 30.5.2003 regarding the letter dated 26th March, 1991 of Shri Digvijay Singh, the then Deputy Minister of External Affairs.

In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to my d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 13.8.2002 (copy enclosed) which was in response to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/125 dated 17.6.2002 on the same subject.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/63 dated 16.5.2003 regarding **action taken report** in respect of matters mentioned in the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002. I would like to inform you that the action taken report is being prepared and will be sent to you shortly.

As regards your letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/1999-2000/56(IV)/99 dated 5.6.2003, I would like to mention that our Consulate in St. Petersburg has been reminded on the issue and requested to send the desired report immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Affable
(Vijay Gokhale)

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 13, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letters No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/114, 124, 125 and 209 dated 13.6.02, 17.6.02 and 22.7.02, respectively.

It is observed that the underlying theme of all the above mentioned letters of the Commission is about the presence of documents in the Russian archives relating to the stay of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the former Soviet Union in 1945 and subsequent years, as mentioned in various letters of Shri Samar Guha, former M.P., and the outcome of the efforts made by the Government of India to get the response of the Russian Government on this issue. In view of this, we are not separately replying to each of the Commission's above mentioned letters.

I would like to mention here that the issue of the presence of documents pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been taken up with the Russian Foreign Office through our Mission in Moscow more than once. In July, 1995, the then Ambassador of India in Russia, Shri R.Sen, had personally taken up with the Russian Foreign Office the question of examination of all materials to finally determine whether Netaji had entered or stayed in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years. The responses received from the Foreign Office in this connection are enclosed for your perusal.

Regarding the CCPA's decision of 1991, as mentioned in your letter of 17.6.02, forwarded herewith is a copy of the letter of 4.4.91 from Ministry of Home Affairs conveying the decision of the CCPA.

The Commission has also desired to have copies of the 'secret documents' referred to in Shri Samar Guha's letter of 26.2.91 addressed to Shri Devi Lal, the then Deputy PM. As far as the availability of such documents in various countries like Russia, USA and U.K. is concerned, the Commission is already aware of the position through our previous correspondence in the matter. The only documents which were received from Russia have been forwarded to the Commission.

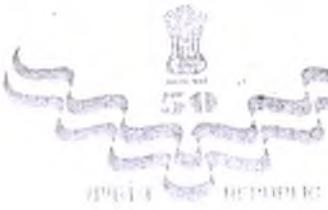
Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

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Ends: as above.



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (I)

Dated June 11, 2003

Dear

This has reference to your letter No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 dated 26.5.03 regarding information from Singapore in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

It is seen that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent a list of material related to the INA in Singapore. However, the material appears to be mainly of archival nature and does not confirm the existence of an INA office still allegedly functioning in Singapore. We are required to inform the Commission about the existence or otherwise of the office in Singapore, besides obtaining the documents, if any, under the custody or control of the Government of Singapore relating to the terms of reference of the Commission which have been already communicated to you.

In the meanwhile, we are forwarding the material sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner
High Commission of India
Singapore

Copy along with enclosures to Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, w.r.t. to his letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up) 99-2000/48(IV)/38 dated 28.4.2003.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)

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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated June 11, 2003

Dear Ashok,

Please refer to your fax message of 14th May regarding information related to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

You have mentioned about delivery of the letter to Prof. Y.V.Pechenko. However, the report of the inquiry made by your Post regarding the witnesses as requested by the Commission is still awaited. My letter of even number dated 22.4.2003 refers in this connection.

I would be grateful if the desired report is sent to us quickly since we are receiving repeated reminders from the Commission on this issue.

Replies.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ashok K. Sharma
Consul General
Consulate General of India
St. Petersburg



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In the meanwhile, we are forwarding the material sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner
High Commission of India
Singapore

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NO. JMCI/ Doc(For)/1999-2000/56(IV)/99.

Kolkata, dated, 5th June'03.

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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : D.O.No. 24/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated
October 31, 2002.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's Letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated 05.12.2002 and the reminder dated 31.03.03 and to say that the report as solicited is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send the report expeditiously.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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NO. JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2003/87/86. Kolkata, dated, 30th May' 03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

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To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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M. L. Sondhi
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated July 30, 2002 (copy enclosed) and to request you to send a report to the Commission immediately regarding the action taken by the Ministry on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India (copy enclosed) and the outcome thereof since the Prime Minister's Office has requested the Commission by their letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated August 27, 2002 (copy enclosed) to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter and the Ministry of Home Affairs, in their turn, have reported in their letter No. 1/12014/13/2000-IS (D.V) dated 18.07.02 that " no such papers have become available" in their Ministry and accordingly advised the Commission to get in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs/Prime Minister's Office in this regard.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NO. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated. *R/281*
/226(2). *30th July 2002.* *1/8/02*

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to cor. pages 177 and 177(a), (copies enclosed), of the Prime Minister's Office secret File No. 2(64)/56-58-PM which contain a copy of the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P.(Lok Sabha), addressed to Shri V.V.Giri, the then President of India and to request you to report to the Commission immediately the details of action taken on the said letter and the outcome thereof since the said letter appears to contain some important matters relevant for the purpose of inquiry of the Commission.

I am further directed to state that the Ministry of Home Affairs in reply to the reference made by the Commission in the aforesaid matter to them as also to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has stated in their letter No.12014/13/2000-IS (D.III) dated July 18, 2002 that no such papers have become available in the Ministry of Home Affairs and requested the Commission to get in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs/Prime Minister's Office to obtain information in this regard.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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M. L. Gandhi
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



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Dy. No. S.O.40-70/20
Date 47/10/29

C-1/6, Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi-3.

15th October, 1970.

Respected Rashtrapati ji,

Please permit me to draw your attention to a reference to Netaji's death which was published in the American version of Goebbel's Diary in its first edition. As you will notice in the enclosed copy of a page of this book, it has been mentioned in the explanatory note that Netaji was arrested and shot by the American troops. This American edition of Goebbel's Diary was withdrawn from circulation by the American Government, but we have been able to trace a copy of this book and I am drawing your attention to this particular matter because of the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) the Government have formed with Justice G. D. Khosla as its Chairman.

C. We are all very thankful to you for having agreed to make another effort to clear the mystery of Netaji's death, but in my view this mystery is surrounded with so much secrecy that unless this Committee of Enquiry has also some members from other countries, the Committee will not be able to achieve anything very substantial. In the first place, Government of India should request the State Department of the U.S. Government to release from its archives all the secret files in connection with Netaji's death and the same approach should also be made to the Japanese and other Governments.

S. May I, therefore, suggest that you should kindly review the composition of the Enquiry Committee and include in it some internationally well-known jurists and ensure that the injustice done by the Sach Nawaz Commission of 1956 is not repeated.

G. I have to draw your attention to a related matter which is the Verdict of the Tokyo Trial vis-a-vis Netaji. The consistent position taken by our informed citizens is that the Tokyo Trial was a grave injustice to the Japanese people and to Netaji. There is a popular demand among Indian intellectuals that the Government of India should take concrete steps to undo the verdict of the Tokyo Trial. It is a matter of some comfort that the renowned Indian judge Radha Binod Pal in his dissenting judgement exposed by implication the malpractices of the other Allied judges on the Tokyo tribunal.

Mr. Sondhi
Member of Parliament
(Lok Sabha)



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C-2/G, Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi-3.

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15th October, 1970.

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Reflecting the wishes of the overwhelming majority of millions of our countrymen who respect and admire the cooperation of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Japanese people, I propose to bring in the next session of Parliament a motion placing on record the heartfelt thanks of the Indian people to the Japanese people and calling upon the Government of India to take steps to get the Tokyo Verdict vacated by all diplomatic means at its disposal.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.L. Sondhi
(H.L. SONDHI)

Shri V.V. Giri,
President of India,
New Delhi.

Enclosure One

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No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol.
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE



27th August, 2002
New Delhi-110011.

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata-700087.

Subject: Letters from JMCI seeking clarification on correspondence about pertaining to PMO file No. 2(64)/56-68 Vol. IV.

Sir,

This has reference to JMCI's letters (i) No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(iii)/226(2) dated 30th July 2002 and (ii) JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(iii)/224(2) dated 30th July 2002 on the subject noted above.

So far as letter placed at Page-112 correspondence is concerned it is confirmed that no action was taken by this office on this letter.

So far as Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P's letter placed at page 177 to 177 A is concerned, attention of the Commission may be drawn to this office u.o. note (placed at page-179) vide which the letter of Shri Sondhi had been forwarded to MHA and MEA for appropriate action. Hence, for further information in this regard MHA and MEA may be approached.

Yours faithfully,

[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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(391) NO. JMCI/ Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/84 Kolkata, dated, May 30, 2003

(P)

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No. 489/DM/91 dated March 26, 1991 of Shri Digvijay Singh, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to Prof. Samar Guha (copy enclosed) and to request you to kindly let the Commission know immediately the results of the inquiries as mentioned in para 2 of the said d.o. letter.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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विदेश उप मंत्री
भारत
DEPUTY MINISTER
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INDIA

March 26, 1991

Dear Prof. Samerjee

Kindly refer to your letter of 26th February, 1991 addressed to Shri Devi Lal concerning high level investigation into "secret documents" on the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I would like to assure you that this Ministry has already initiated follow-up action in this regard. We are awaiting results to our enquiries.

3. We shall keep you informed of any further developments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(DIGVIJAY SINGH)

Prof. Samar Guha,
Ex-Member of Parliament,
8/2, Central Park,
CALCUTTA - 700032

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Kolkata, dated, 29th May' 03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Alleged cremation permit in respect
of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/16 dated 11.04.03 and to say that reply thereto is yet to be received.

In view of the utmost importance of the records and documents which have been requested to be made available to the Commission vide the Commission's letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated 27.11.02, I am directed to request you again to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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I am directed to refer to the letter dated March 13, 2003 of the Director, Textual Archives Services Division of the National Archives and Records Administration, U.S.A., addressed to Shri S.K. Behra, Counsellor, Embassy of India (Chancery), a copy of which was sent to this Commission along with D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission wherein Mr. Hastings has informed that the records and documents mentioned in its penultimate paragraph and immediately preceding paragraph may be examined by the representative(s) of the Indian Embassy in Washington or of this Commission and that "There are undoubtedly records related to Mr. Bose (Subhas Chandra Bose alias Chandra Bose) in the records of the American Embassy and Consulates in India" and that "a check of the Indexes of the Central File of the General Records of Department of State (Records Group 59) indicates 7 references to him for the 1940-1949 period."

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly
? take up the matter with American Embassy immediately so that the Commission may get access to the records of the American Embassy and Consulates in India.

Yours faithfully,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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FAX

No. DUB/321/1/03

27 May 2003

From: Indembassy Dublin
To: Foreign New Delhi

Joint Secretary (CNV) from Ambassador

Reference correspondence resting with your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 13 May 2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. I regret the delay in getting back to you. However, we have been in touch with the Irish authorities concerned in the matter, and it is our understanding that the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs is dealing with the subject. They have informed us that they are in the process of making the necessary enquiries and will revert to us when they have something to communicate.

Good wishes,

Pl. diarise & return
to me.

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Ambassador

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No. JMCI/ DOC (For) /99-2000/56(IV)/63

Kolkata, dated, May 16, 2003.

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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Jt. Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 28.02.03 and to say that the action/report of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in respect of all the matters, contained in the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC (FOR) /99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.02 save and except the matters covered by your letters No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 03.02.03 and 11.02.03 is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the reference to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 28.02.03 made in the first para of this Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC (FOR) /99-2000/56(IV)/599 dated 21.03.03 may kindly be read as d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated 28.02.03.

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Yours faithfully,


(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Ravi Bangar
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No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

May 26, , 2003.

Dear Vijay,

This is in continuation of my fax of even number dated May 21, 2003 regarding information from Singapore in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

I am enclosing herewith reply received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is self-explanatory. The enclosure to the letter received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also has an annexure detailing the list of material related to the office of Indian National Army in Singapore.

It is suggested that the enclosure may be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission and their specific requirement of the material conveyed to us for further taking it up with the concerned authorities here.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the High Commission of India and has the honour to refer to its Note Sin/Pol/102/2/03 of 18 February 2003.

The Ministry has the further honour to enclose at Annex I a list of material related to the office of the Indian National Army in Singapore. For further information, the High Commission could contact Ms France Goh of the National Heritage Board at telephone number 63327933, fax number 63393583 and email france_goh@nhb.gov.sg.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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23 May 2003



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Annex 1

Material relating to Indian National Army (INA)

National Archives of Singapore (updated list 14 February 2003)

Private Collection

- a) Private Collection of Mr Narayan Karuppiah includes the *Netaji Inquiry Committee Report* (1956), by the Government of India; several letters from Subhas Chandra Bose; Netaji's Epistle to the Indian Cadets in Tokyo;
- b) Private collection of photographs of I.N.A. and a selection on Chandra Bose.

Newspaper Articles

- a) Articles in Syonan Sinbun on the I.N.A.

Oral History Interviews

- a) Mention of I.N.A. and Chandra Bose in several of the Oral History Interviews

Overseas Collection (acquired via microfilming)

From the National Archives of Australia

- a) Indian National Army (A1067 Item M46/9/7)
- b) Untitled Collection concerning Subhas Chandra Bose (B5555/1 Itc n 12)

Publications

- a) A Will for Freedom – Netaji and the Indian Independence Movement in Singapore and Southeast Asia, 1942 – 1945, by Romen Bose
- b) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose – a Malayan Perspective by Netaji Centre, Kuala Lumpur
- c) Jungle Alliance – Japan and the Indian National Army, by Joyce C Lebra.
- d) The Road to Freedom – Travels through Singapore, Malaysia, Burma and India in the footsteps of the Indian National Army by Akhil Bakshi

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e) Netaji - A Pictorial Biography. Edited by Sisir Kumar Bose, Birendra Nath Sinha.

f) Rash Behari Bose, A Revolutionary "Unkempt, Unhonoured and Unsung" by P.S. Ramu

g) Azad Hind Fauj (I.N.A) and the Freedom Movement by P.S. Ramu

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No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

May 22, 2003.

Dear *Vijay,*

Please refer to your fax of 13 May addressed to the High Commissioner and letter of 7 May to me received here on 19 May regarding inquiry about existence of the office of Indian National Army in Singapore and report required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. We had on receipt of your earlier letter in February written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, seeking the details. No report has been received from them yet. They have again been reminded, in writing, for expediting the report.

We will continue to pursue the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV) *(D.K.)*
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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High Commission of India
Singapore

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

May 21, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to its note verbale No. Sin/Pol/102/2/03 dated February 18, 2003 regarding Mission's request for information on the office of the Indian National Army (INA) in Singapore.

The esteemed Ministry is requested to expedite the requested information as this is required urgently by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. In case, no information is available with the concerned Singapore authorities a "nil" report will also be appreciated.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Directorate IV
Singapore
(Attn: Mr. Kwok Wong PUN, Director)

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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, w.r.t. his letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated February 3, 2003.

Regards,

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)
Deputy High Commissioner



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Deputy Chief of Mission

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No: TOK/102/02/03

May 13, 2003

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

Dear Viji,

Q.No. 76

This refers to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 24, 2003 regarding documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

Since receiving your letter of even number dated January 1, 2003 on the above subject, we have made a number of demarches to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs beginning early January through May this year.

The response from MOFA has been that

- They have tried but could not make any headway in tracing the death certificate/cremation permit.
- The MOFA has contacted former MOFA officials serving at the time and some living associates of Netaji who have indicated to the Southwest Asia Division of MOFA that such documents did in fact exist. MOFA is agreeable to our communicating this to the Hon'ble Commission.
- MOFA has conveyed to the Embassy that they would be continuing to make further efforts to trace the documents.

We shall continue to pursue the matter with Gaimusho, and shall report further progress after receiving a positive response. From the replies of Gaimusho to date, it is evident that there is some hearsay

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evidence, which suggests the existence of the documents we are looking for in the distant past. However, there has been no tangible progress in locating the documents so far.

Birendra Nanda

Yours sincerely,


(Birendra Nanda)

**Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi 110 011**

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To me m/s

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The Justice Mukherji Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) into the alleged disappearance of Netaji visited Japan in September 2002. They visited Renkoji Temple in Tokyo where his ashes are believed to be kept. They directed Embassy of India, Tokyo to obtain expert advice on whether the ashes contain material that can be used for DNA testing.

2. The Embassy located a Japanese expert, Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo who agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA. They have sought Ministry's instructions.
3. Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P.(Lok Sabha) and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo expressing concern at the Mission's efforts to conduct DNA test on alleged remains of Netaji. Said she had no objection, provided "prior and proper arrangements are made by selecting top DNA experts in the world."
4. JMCI is reminding our Mission in Tokyo to pursue the matter. We have informed JMCI that a decision is pending with MHA.
5. JMCI have been in touch with DNA labs. General advice is that DNA cannot be retrieved from ashes or burnt remains. However, if any bone fragments remain, there may be some possibility of extracting DNA. Dr. Lalji Singh of the Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology says that such lab facilities do not exist in India.